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YULETIDE ROYALTY



MEET THE Yuletide 2005 Princesses and Princes, who will light up the night this Friday on the Variety Stage at Beaver and Chestnut streets, Sewickley. Posing for their first royal portrait at Cuttings Flower and Garden Market, they are (from left) Zoe Stanley, Addison Gould, Kristopher Wright, Sophia Poppenberg, Joe Straka and Julia Poppenberg.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

ALEPPO

Board president calls for resignations

By Laura Hilleman

Staff writer

A meeting between an Aleppo commissioner, the township's manager and ousted township solicitor Bernard Rubb has once again left township officials at odds with one another, and with commissioner Gloria Vish calling for resignations.

The meeting in question, which took place after hours at the township building on Friday, Nov. 18, included commissioner

Linda Talmon, borough manager Mary Louise Bittner and Rubb.

Stating the meeting was "inappropriate and unethical," Vish asked for Bittner and Talmon's resignation at the Aleppo commissioners meeting.

"I pointed out that this was a personnel issue and that we should go into executive session," said commissioner Oliver Poppenberg.

"I stopped her (Vish) and asked if she realized that discussing a personnel issue

could open up another possible lawsuit."

An executive session was called and as commissioners and interim solicitor Harlan Stone met briefly, Poppenberg left the meeting early.

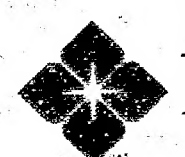
"I was getting yelled at and being told that if I don't like what they had to say to just get out," Poppenberg said.

Stone said that "technically" Poppenberg was asked to leave the executive ses-

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SPOTLIGHT

Pets in good hands with animal lovers

Laura Malleman

Staff writer

At one time for four-year-old Daisy, the joy in having her nails clipped was about as pleasant as a colonoscopy procedure for a human being.

A Manchester terrier, Daisy used to dread her monthly visit to Precious Pets Grooming Salon on Division Street, Sewickley.



"She used to be called the 'terrible terrier' for a while but now she has calmed down," says her owner, Alison Conte of Bell Acres.

As Precious Pets owner Janice Kushma gently takes Daisy to the grooming area, she hands Daisy over to pet groomer Chris Gaburri.

Chris cradles the tiny Manchester terrier, whispering, "You're such a good dog. Yes, you are." into her ears and Daisy's nails are clipped by Janice in a matter of minutes.

"Done! And you did so good," says Janice as she showers Daisy with praise.

With that, a happy Daisy is back in her owner's arms with a treat and a Steelers neckerchief, and out the door.

Janice tells of how Daisy used to be incredibly anxious and afraid to get her nails clipped.

"That's not good for any dog to go through. That is too much stress, so Chris and I found that if we clip Daisy's nails together it takes that stress and anxiety away for her."

And so it goes at the grooming salon that Janice opened 20 years ago after realizing that working with people was not nearly as gratifying as working with animals.

Most of the pets the salon grooms are dogs, with a few cats here and there. Janice and Chris are both animal lovers. Chris has shown and bred 30 championship dogs.

And each pet that comes in to be groomed is like one of their own.

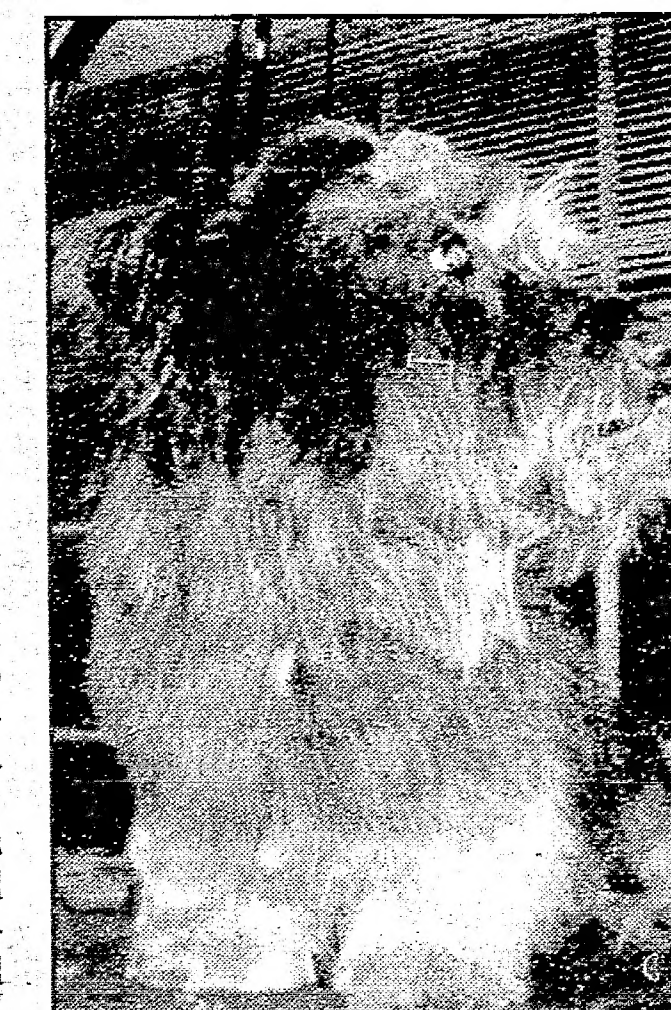
"You talk to these pets and they understand what you are saying. They all have their own personalities and even seem to know if we are having an off day, but the animals always come first here," says Janice.

In fact, the fondness the women feel for the pets is often given back in return.



PRECIOUS PET Grooming Salon owner Janice Kushma and pet groomer Chris Gaburri make Daisy's nail cutting experience painless and quick.

Photos by Laura Malleman



WITH HER pampering complete, Samantha, a Skye Terrier rescue dog, patiently awaits her owner's arrival.

Take, for instance, Chelsea and Nessi, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Cocker Spaniel, respectively.

These two dogs become so excited to be at the salon that their owner sim-

ply pulls up to the front door and they scramble through the halls to the nursery room where they patiently wait to be bathed.

Yet another loveable dog duo are Snoopy and Benny.

"I can hear them outside whining and barking, and when their owner brings them in, she is all wrapped up in their leashes," says Janice, laughing.

"She tells me that as soon as they round the bend to the salon, they start and there is no stopping them."

At the mere sound of Janice's voice, they run through the salon searching for her.

"They just love her and she loves them. It's a bond. They know they are going to get pampered," says Chris.

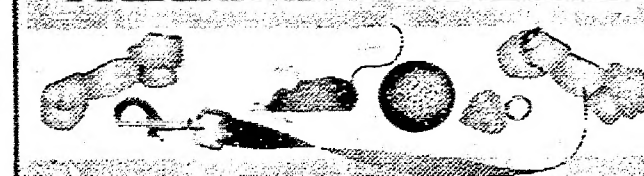
"Keep in mind that we have been grooming a lot of the pets that come here for over 15 years, so it's impossible not to bond with them. To us, they are like our own pets," Janice says.

As Chris blow-dries Samantha, a Skye terrier owned by Gordon and Sharon Garlick, Samantha quietly sits atop a table while the finishing touches of her grooming are completed.

She comes for a bath every other week, a far cry from her previous years. Samantha is a dog that was res-

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NEEDED ITEMS



ANIMAL NEEDS

Cat litter
 Dog and cat treats
 Food - Cat (kitten), dog (puppy), rabbit, ferret and bird
 Grooming aides - shampoo, brushes, scissors and clippers
 New 10" and larger nylon collars, and 6' leashes; choke collars
 Stuffed animals and cat toys
 Paper bags
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 Scratching posts
 Bandanas
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 Timothy hay
 Corn cob bedding
 Stainless steel feeding bowls
 Towels, blankets and throw rugs (new or gently used)
 Portable cages or kennels

ANIMAL HEALTH NEEDS

Rubbing alcohol
 Gauze pads
 Hydrogen peroxide
 Cotton swabs
 Cotton balls

OFFICE NEEDS

Ink cartridge - HP 1200 & 2100 Printers
 Pens, white and colored paper
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BUILDING NEEDS

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CREATURE COMFORTS

Special pets, special care

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and the Garlicks welcomed her into their home.

Samantha has an air of elegance about her and large eyes that would make even the most hard-edged person melt. As she patiently waits to be picked up by her owners, Chris gently trims her long, gray hair.

"Every once in a while, I shorten her hair up so she's not picking up leaves."

As a special touch, Chris

picks out just the right yellow bow to clip Samantha's hair out of her eyes so she is better able to see.

Grooming completed, Samantha awaits her owner's arrival.

At the sight of him, she transforms into an excitedly happy dog, wagging her tail and running in circles. Her owner is as eager to see her, and Janice and Chris enjoy the moment, too.

It is one that is often repeated in their salon and one that they never tire of witnessing.

Pet Care in the U.S.

For 2005, it estimated that \$35.9 billion will be spent on our pets in the U.S.

Food ... \$14.5 billion
Vet care ... \$8.6 billion
Supplies/Medicine ... \$8.8 billion
Live animal purchases ... \$1.6 billion
Pet Services: grooming and boarding ... \$2.4 billion

Actual Sales within the U.S. Market in 2004
In 2004, \$34.4 billion was spent on our pets in the U.S.

Pet Services-grooming and boarding accounted for 2.3 billion of the total.

Information from American Pet Products Manufacturers Association Web site

Borough tax rate stays at 5.8 mills

By Laura Helleman

Staff writer

Sewickley council adopted a 2006 \$3.98 million budget last week that allows for a four percent increase in the borough's spending plan from 2005 and holds the property tax rate at 5.8 mills.

SEWICKLEY

It is the third straight year that council has not raised taxes.

At this property tax rate, a homeowner with property assessed at \$100,000 will again pay \$580 in real estate taxes next year.

Council also adopted a 10 percent increase in sewage charges and an increase in building permits approved in the borough.

Currently, the average quarterly sewage bill for a residence in Sewickley is \$49.40, which reflects 15,000 gallons per quarter. The increase would reflect an average quarterly bill of \$54.34.

Kevin Flannery, Sewickley Borough manager, said the council would face some key issues in the future.

Due to more stringent DEP requirements, the increase in sewage fees was necessary, said Flannery.

"We, as well as other



municipalities, must stay compliant under the guidelines with the DEP," he said.

The borough, along with engineers of its wastewater treatment plant, have developed a five year capital plan that calls for \$4.6 million in improvements to its wastewater treatment facility including pump station renovations, odor control and laboratory upgrades.

Also, Allegheny County's recent move to enact legislation that does away with 2006 reassessments of properties and re-establishes 2002 reassessments could likely decrease the borough's property tax revenue.

Other major issues facing the borough in the future include capital purchases, joint municipal planning, road maintenance and health care costs for borough employees.

Over the last 10 years, health care costs for borough employees have risen by 103 percent.

Currently these employees

contribute five percent of their healthcare cost. The borough is in discussions with the police officers to contribute to theirs, as well.

In terms of roads, a study was done that showed roughly \$17 million over the next 20 years is needed to bring all roads, alleys, catch basins and infrastructures in compliance with PennDOT standards.

Sewickley council recently adopted an ordinance that created an annual \$52 fee, replacing the Occupational Privilege fee.

In doing so, the fee can be used toward the road construction and maintenance fund.

One cost of the borough that has increased significantly is litigation costs, specifically with the zoning hearing board, an entity involved in several lawsuits this year.

As of Oct. 31, Sewickley's zoning hearing board's legal costs topped \$42,000, well over the \$5,000 budgeted from last year and double the amount spent in 2004.

QV hurricane relief nets \$16,000

The Quaker Valley School District reports that more than \$16,000 in hurricane relief funds collected by the district's four school buildings since early September has been turned over to the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army.

CARING & SHARING

On Nov. 16, Donna Adipietro, building secretary at Quaker Valley High School, personally delivered \$11,687.06 to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross and \$4,592 to The Salvation Army's Western Pennsylvania Division in Pittsburgh.

Adipietro, the emergency management coordinator for Leet Township, organized the collection of donations throughout the school district within days after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

Contributors were asked to send checks written to either of the disaster recovery agencies to any of the district's four offices within a two-week period.

The effort continued after the initial deadline, however, with students and staff organizing individual fund-raising projects, ultimately adding to the total collected in the initial donation period.

Adipietro said she was not surprised at the community's response to the disaster in New Orleans. She had seen a similar outpouring following the flooding of Little Sewickley Creek in September of 2004 that caused a great deal of damage in Leet Township.

Meanwhile, long-term efforts to aid in victim relief and future rebuilding of New Orleans will go on in Quaker Valley.



DONNA ADIPIETRO delivered a \$4,592 check to The Salvation Army. Quaker Valley students and staff also collected \$11,687.06 for the American Red Cross. All donations were earmarked for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Among the major projects in the works is a printer cartridge and cell phone recycling program initiated by the students in the high school's Student Service Learning Center class.

The students are urging all 501 school districts in the state to become part of the project, with the goal of raising \$2.5 million to be used to help rebuild a destroyed public school building in the New Orleans area.

OUR HOLIDAY BEST

Yuletide in the Village to-do list

Friday, Dec. 2

Enjoy the festivities and attend "Light-Up Night" in Sewickley from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Make this be the first of many holiday shopping stops in Sewickley.

Visit Sweetwater Center for the Arts for some one-of-a-kind gifts.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Don't miss out on the Santa Parade! The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Grant Street and will end on Chestnut Street.

Write a letter to Santa at the Sewickley Public Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Have you been naughty or nice? Here's your children's chance to plead their case and visit Santa at Wolcott Park at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Attend "All I Want For Christmas" Children's Pageant at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Break up your holiday shopping with a horse-drawn carriage ride from 5 to 8 p.m. in Sewickley.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Santa returns to the Wolcott Park gazebo from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Horse-drawn carriage rides continue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Village.

Enjoy the music of a "Dean Martin Christmas" at the Wolcott Park Gazebo from noon to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Come listen to the River City Brass Band Concert with the Moon Area High School Chamber Ensemble to benefit "Faith In Action" at the Sewickley United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

Make it a family night and bring your kids to PJ Storytime: "Sweet" Dreams at the Sewickley Public Library at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Sewickley Village.

The Mistletoe March begins at 6 p.m. Stroll and raise funds for Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Your children, grades 3 - 5, can make their own snowman holiday cards at 7 - 8 p.m. at the Sewickley Public Library.

Friday, Dec. 16

Enjoy the music of the Chatham Baroque Blue Grass Concert at 8 p.m. at the Sewickley United Methodist Church.

Events continue through Dec. 24.

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OPINION

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Did you have a good Thanksgiving?



CAROLYN VESHO
New York City

"Yes, I did. I'm visiting my brother and his new baby."



PAT MCGUIRE
Bethel Park

"I had a lovely Thanksgiving. I went to my brother's. It was very good."



SAL POLLASTRO
Coraopolis

"Yes. We watched the football games and ate turkey."



LISA MCDONOUGH
St. Louis

"Wonderful. I ate and visited very dear friends and family."



RICH MCDONOUGH
St. Louis

"I put my sweatpants on and took a nap because I ate too much turkey."



See how to connect with your neighbors via Letters to the Editor on Page 9.

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EDITORIAL

You're invited to Yuletide in the Village

By Dona S. Dreeland
Editor

Where did the year go? The months passed so quickly, and now we're just days away from one of Sewickley's most loved and well attended events — Light-up Night, the kick-off for Yuletide in the Village, our community's holiday celebration.

On Friday, Dec. 2, the whole town will sparkle from dusk to the early morning hours when restaurateurs set the locks on their front doors.

Sponsored by Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce and Sewickley Borough and planned by a dedicated committee, this event was created to bring back the magic of simpler times when hometowns were really "home."

After the Yuletide Princesses and Princes set the 80,000 twinkle lights aglow, there will be something for everyone, from one end of town to the other.

Of course, the shops will be open and the merchants eager to help find that special gift. But on your travels from Beaver to Broad, Locust to Walnut to Chestnut streets and places in between, sidewalk attractions or staged events will give you pause.

Carols will fill the air as young voices of school choirs and the Sewickley Melody perform. Quaker Valley's Juglers Club will entertain, as will the Street Level Band.

Boutique shopping and an elegant



meal will be available at Sweetwater Center for the Arts' Holiday Mart and the "Let the Men Cook" event from 5 to 8 p.m.

Children will be welcomed at Sewickley Public Library and Laughlin Center. That is after they've met Jingles the Reindeer, fed the cuddly creatures at the petting zoo, talked to Santa on the North Pole hotline, enjoyed a pony ride and toured the Methodist Church Clock Tower.

There will be crafts and refreshments, horse-drawn carriage rides and trolley transportation.

All this is just the beginning of the Yuletide in the Village celebration,

which will continue every Wednesday and Saturday in December.

And Santa will make his appearance on Saturday, Dec. 3, with a grand parade.

For one evening this Friday, the town and its neighbors will come together to share in the joys of Christmas.

If you've never visited, we invite you to experience the holidays Sewickley-style — for an evening or an afternoon.

What you'll find is certain to put a smile on your face and a few memories in your heart that will last all year through.

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HAPPENINGS

Holiday Mart offers art for gift giving

Sweetwater Center for the Arts' Holiday Mart is open until Saturday, Dec. 3.

This year's sale features work from new artists as well as returning favorites and offers gift ideas for anyone on the shopping list.

All sale items are hand-crafted and include pottery and dishware, distinctive jewelry, wearable art, cards and ornaments, children's accessories and more.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

On Friday, Dec. 2, as a part of Sewickley's Light-Up Night festivities, Sweetwater hosts "Let the Men Cook."

Warm, delicious offerings come from the kitchen at Sweetwater. Chowders and chili, elegant salads and tasty sweets are prepared and served by the male chefs.

All events take place at Sweetwater Center for the Arts, 200 Broad St., Sewickley.

For information, call 412-741-4405 or visit www.sweetwaterartcenter.org.

Senior Men's Club

Members of the Senior Men's Club will welcome Dwight White, former Pittsburgh Steeler, to their meeting on Friday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m.

White, who is director of Mesirow Financial, will speak about "The Steel Curtain."

He was drafted by the Steelers in 1971 and became a part of the notorious "Steel Curtain."

He played in all four Steeler Super Bowls in the 1970s and has the distinction of leaving a hospital bed to come to Super Bowl IX and score the first points of the game by tackling for a safety in the Viking end zone.

The club meets each Friday at 9:30 a.m. for conversation and coffee. The program begins at 10 a.m. All area retired men are invited to attend the meeting and to join the club.

Book sale

Shop 'til you drop ... into a chair with a book!

The Friends of the Sewickley Public Library will offer holiday related items for sale (books, videos, CDs, tapes) during the month of December in the lobby of the library.

Drop by for a book and a bargain.

The library is located at the corner of Thorn and Broad streets, Sewickley.

TEMPO

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The lighter side of life

GOOD DEED

Local boys help to solve four robberies

By Kate Canan

Staff writer

When 8-year-old Max Rom and 11-year-old Alex Schober set out on a kayak ride on a warm, summer day in August, they had no idea they were about to be involved in solving a police case.

The Rom family and family friend Alex were vacationing in southern Maine at a cottage owned by Linda Rom's mother.

The Quaker Valley boys were spending a lot of time in Lake Acton and nearby creeks during the week. It was a fun but uneventful trip until Aug. 11, when the pair found a tackle box wrapped in duct tape floating in the water.

The boys quickly abandoned their kayaking ideas and went for the tackle box. Much to their surprise, it was filled with more than 25 checks, a \$100 bill, 22 cents and a gift certificate.

"I said to Max, 'It's treasure,' but he thought it was probably some fishing things and I was right," Alex said.

Treasure or not, Max and Alex knew something was odd, and quickly went to Max's mother, Beth, who began to look at the puzzling objects in the tackle box.

After spreading the checks out to dry them, Beth came across the gift certificate. It was the only document with an address and phone number for a hardware store in Wolfeboro, N.H., a town about 30 minutes away.

"I called the number and told the man the boys had found a tackle box in the creek, and he said, 'That's very interesting because we just had a robbery on Monday,'" Beth said.

The owner of the hardware store called the Wolfeboro police, and they were at the Rom's cottage in less than an hour, taking pictures, putting everything in an evidence bag and going on a boat with the boys to look for anything else they might have missed.

After showing the boys how the squad cars worked and explaining how the police work on crimes, they left, promising to update the family if they made any progress in the case.

"It was neat, seeing how the police really solve crimes," Alex said.

Beth's husband, Ken, was on the



MAX ROM (on left) and his friend **Alex Schober** had a most exciting adventure while on summer vacation. They helped to solve four New Hampshire robberies.

phone with her while the events were unfolding.

"(Max and Alex) just had no understanding of what was going on. It was really quite unusual," Ken said.

"Who would have thought something like this would be found in a tackle box? It's like something out of the Hardy Boys."

When Wolfeboro's police chief Brian Black had the evidence in his hands, he immediately brought in one of the suspects from the case who happened to have parents living in a house off the shore of Lake Acton.

The tackle box had been in a safe, but the safe had somehow become damaged and had opened, causing the box to float out into the nearby stream.

Black cited the evidence as extremely crucial.

"It's what started the ball rolling," he said.

"The crime certainly would not have been solved as quickly. Once the boys found this information, we were able to put a lot of other things together that helped resolve the issue."

"We were able to apply some pressure. The person responsible was able to recognize that it would be in his best interest to come forward."

The man responsible for breaking into the hardware store had broken in two other times. Over the summer, another business was hit with a robbery as well.

The robber is pending trial and is facing three and a half to seven years in jail for each of the four robberies.

The Wolfeboro police department expressed its gratitude to the boys by sending them letters, certificates and fake police badges.

"It was cool because all the police came, and it was a big mystery. But when it was solved, I was really surprised and happy," Alex said.

UPCOMING

Old Economy presents old time holiday

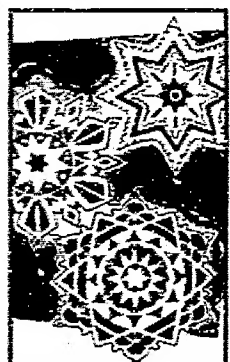
On Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 8:30 p.m., Old Economy Village opens its doors to holiday guests.

Stroll along lantern-lit streets to the accompaniment of Christmas music played by the Village 1830s Orchestra, sample German fare, watch traditional tradesmen work their craft and shop for holiday treats in the Museum Store.

Families will enjoy a magic lantern show and a puppet theatre performance at our Kinderhaus, and there is even a 1905 silent movie version of "The Night before Christmas."

Visit a model Nativity Scene depicting Old Economy Village in the 18th century Moravian Christmas tradition.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 4-17. For more information, call 724-266-4500, Ext. 115, or e-mail: ra-oldeconomy@state.us.org.



BASHOUR-VERSZYLA

Shelly Lynn Bashour and Jeffrey Allen Verszyla were married on July 2, 2005, in the historic church of St. Peter in Brownsville, Pa.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Vince Gigliotti.

The bride is the daughter of Rose and David Bashour of Brownsville, Pa.

Her grandparents are the late Katherine and James Fitzmaurice of Fairbank, Pa., and Agnes Bashour of Republic, Pa., and the late George Bashour.

The groom, son of Carolyn Moore Verszyla of Sewickley, is the grandson of the late Carl and Ann Moore of Ambridge.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a white, strapless Italian silk gown, hand-draped on an asymmetrical A-line skirt with a full chapel train.

A tiara adorned with Swarovski crystals held an Italian silk-lined veil.

Maid of honor was Erica Browder, sister of the bride, of Richmond, Va. Best man was Paul Merz, best friend of the groom, of Miami, Fla.

Bridesmaids were Bree

Bashour-Ball and Lindsay Bashour, cousins of the bride; Lisa Verszyla, sister of the groom; Dawn Rudolph and Andrea Bossert, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Madeline Oliver, niece of the groom.

Groomsmen were Shawn McClintock and Jay Reisinger, friends of the groom; John Swartz, cousin of the groom, and Ryan Bashour, cousin of the bride.

David Oliver, nephew of the bridegroom, was the ringbearer.

A reception was held at The Club at Nevillewood.

The bride, a 1997 graduate of Duquesne University, earned a bachelor of science degree in marketing and business administration. She is employed as a senior oncology specialist with Onyz Pharmaceuticals, Pittsburgh.

The groom, a 1991 graduate of Allegheny College, earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication and English. He also earned a bachelor of science degree in meteorology from Mississippi State.

He is the chief meteorologist at KDKA-TV.

After a honeymoon on Maui and Hawaii, the couple is at home in Pittsburgh.



WEDDING

IN MEMORY

Dolores Travis Seagren, resident of Sewickley

Dolores (Lorry) Travis Seagren of Sewickley passed away peacefully on Nov. 21, 2005, at Rochester Manor at age 82.

Mrs. Seagren was a resident of Sewickley for nearly 50 years and a longtime member of St. Stephen's Church and Christ Church at Grove Farm.

Born Aug. 9, 1923, in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Dean Hamilton Travis and Marie (Foley) Travis.

Mrs. Seagren was preceded in death by her husband, William Carl Seagren of Osborne, and two brothers, Philip Travis of Bozeman, Mont., and Donald Travis of Melbourne, Fla.

She met her first husband, the late James F. Fitzgerald, of Downers Grove, Ill., while attending Lenox Hill Hospital School of Nursing in New York City during World War II.

She continued her career as a registered nurse for more than 30 years, primarily in western Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Seagren was a direct descendant of a number of early Plymouth, Mass., families that included two Mayflower passengers, Richard Warren, the twelfth signer of the Mayflower Compact and a member of "The First Encounter," and Francis Cooke, the seventeenth signer of the Compact. Other ancestors included Samuel Sturtevant, George Morton and Thomas Dexter, one of the original 10 chartered settlers of Cape Cod in 1637.

She was a great niece of Myles Standish, John Alden and Priscilla Mullen.

She is survived by Gladys Travis of Bozeman, Mont.; brother Dean H. Travis II of Big Fork, Mont.; and sister Phyllis Bowles on Ennis, Mont.

She also is survived by numerous nephews, nieces and their children.

Mrs. Seagren was the



Dolores Seagren

beloved mother of James Frederick Fitzgerald II, Elizabeth Buckingham Fitzgerald of Sewickley and Michael Scott Fitzgerald of Mystic, Conn., and Sewickley.

She was the loving mother-in-law to Wendy Norling Fitzgerald of Manchester, Conn.; and proud grandmother of Travis Hamilton Fitzgerald and wife, Tracie Grillo Fitzgerald; Anna Marie Fitzgerald of New Haven, Conn.; and great-grandmother to Lila Eve Fitzgerald of Hampton, Va.

She will be sadly missed by her family.

A memorial service was held at Christ Church at Grove Farm on Tuesday with the Reverends David McKenzie and John Guest officiating.

The family wishes to send deep thanks to her doctor, nurses and the staff at Rochester Manor and Hartland Hospice, who cared for her with loving kindness and concern until her death.

Interment was in the Travis family plot in Cairo, N.Y.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's Sewickley.

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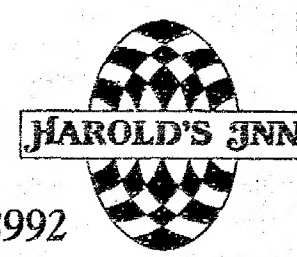
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Holiday Wishes

Dialing down stress a matter of setting priorities

By Sandi Dolbee
Copley News Service

What a blur. Advent is here. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve are coming up.

The words of a country song ring in like a carol for this caffeinated season:

"I'm in a hurry to get things done," sings the group, Alabama. "Oh, I rush and rush until life's no fun. All I really gotta do is live and die. But I'm in a hurry and don't know why."

Time is a grinch, stealing our days by overpacking them into a pressure cooker exploding with the

sounds of screeching tires, hurried feet, impatient exclamations and exhausted sighs. But it doesn't have to be that way, say those who think about how we spend our time.

Time is about choices. Watch television or play a game with your children? Go shopping for more presents or get together with friends to sing Christmas songs? Sign up to work overtime or volunteer at a soup kitchen?

You might call it the ethics of time, decisions people make about how to spend their hours, their days, their weeks that help

define who they are.

"I think we are a society that doesn't believe in reflection. We believe in action."

"We are a society that seems to believe we can measure our health by the size of our gross domestic product," says John De Graaf, a Seattle public television producer and author who is active in the simplicity movement, which seeks to help people realize "that this rush-rush, hurry-hurry time-poverty society isn't working."

GIFT OF TIME

Certainly, we can't con-

trol all our time. "In our society, long hours in the work place are really a requirement for many people," says De Graaf.

Other times, however, are another matter. "How can we not understand that time is a family value without which families crumble?" he asks.

The holiday season from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day is particularly perilous. Throwing parties. Giving gifts. Decorating homes. Sending cards. Traveling to relatives. "There is this whole sense of an additional layer of responsibility," he says.

His suggestion: Give the gift of your time. "Instead of rushing around shop-

ping like mad, get together and have a meal and talk."

San Diego resident Marge Wurgel does that.

"I invite people over for sharing tea with me or having a meal at my home or going for a walk — doing something together that we mutually enjoy rather than buying gifts."

Eight years ago, Wurgel helped start the San Diego Voluntary Simplicity Group, which meets monthly. "We try to spend time determining what's most satisfying for us to have a soul-satisfying type of life," she says. "It's all trying to live more consciously with decisions that

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Real holiday gifts, the ones that last, have no price tags

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Holiday lights adorn homes and businesses and twinkle in the moonlight, families make preparations for visits and gift giving, the cold, crisp air is tinged with the aroma of burning firewood and a 73-year-old woman is knocked to the ground and stepped on by a crowd of customers who rushed security personnel at a store in Florida to get the first shot at discounted items on Black Friday.

Happy holidays.

What has morphed into the busiest shopping day of the holiday season, Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, has become a tradition that often encompasses a ruthless "one for all and all for one" mentality.

In an effort to get the best deals, some shoppers abandon common sense and compassion for half-price DVD play-



IN OTHER WORDS...

By Laura Halleman

ers and iPods.

The incident that injured the 73-year-old woman was not the only one of its kind on Black Friday.

In California, a parking lot attendant's life was threatened by a frustrated motorist trying to find a parking space in a packed mall parking lot.

In Michigan, a woman and a 13 year old suffered minor injuries in a stampede as a large retailer opened its doors,

ing how they stepped on an elderly woman, bashed their shopping cart into anyone in their way and made a beeline for the last remaining Xbox that they grabbed out of another customer's hand?

Doubtful.

The true spirit of gift giving during the holidays is being lost in the frenzy to acquire the latest, greatest merchandise.

For this reason, many look upon the holidays as something to endure, rather than to enjoy.

Sure, there is nothing like seeing the look on a child's face when they opened a present they have longed for, and the act of giving a gift to someone can be truly rewarding, but at what cost?

When looking back on past holidays what do you remember more, the gifts you received or the memories of

spending time with loved ones or helping out someone less fortunate?

Black Friday and the newly designated Cyber Monday, the busiest online shopping day of the year, have somehow become traditions during the holiday season.

Perhaps it's time to recall an old holiday tradition anew this year, one that seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle.

The advantages of this tradition are endless. There is no need to wait in a long line to take part or scan retail flyers in search of a bargain on it. The tradition is a simple one and its value is priceless.

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And the greatest part of this tradition is that it doesn't have to be reserved strictly for the holidays, but can be a recurring theme all year long.

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Laughlin leaders send thanks for fund-raiser

Dear Editor:

On Saturday evening, Nov. 19, Laughlin Center presented "Wizards' Night Out" at the Carnegie Science Center and Omnimax Theater.

This event was a fund-raiser for Laughlin Center, supporting our operating budget and learning support services we provide for children.

We were delighted with the response from the community — more than 275 guests — which made our event a great success.

Thank you to the merchants and businesses who supported our event in many ways, from distributing information cards to donating to underwrite event costs.

Thanks to the Sewickley Herald for its continued support and help with publicity for the event.

We acknowledge and thank our presenting sponsors, Kevin T. Nickell, executive director, Lynne Lynch, The Hillman Company, and PricewaterhouseCoopers, who led a group of generous corporations and individuals who made the evening a success.



We extend special thanks to the members of our board of directors, who brought great energy to the event, and our board of trustees for their support.

We were fortunate to have Diane Meakem and Valerie Johnson co-chair a very magical evening.

Their talent and enthusiasm resonated throughout the event and helped draw sponsorship from many corners.

On behalf of the teachers, therapists, clinicians and staff at Laughlin Center, we thank the community for its ongoing support and help to make a "Wizard's Night Out" such a magical success.

Sincerely,
Karen T. Nickell,
executive director
Susie Aufderheide,
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ELECTION 2006

Senator's wife joins Mustio's campaign

Kathy Pippy, wife of State Sen. John Pippy, has agreed to lead the coordination among all the municipalities for the re-election campaign of State Rep. Mark Mustio.

Pippy joins Moon Township Supervisors Cindy Johnston and Supervisor Chairman Alex Ropelewski who announced they would coordinate his efforts in Moon Township.

Ohio Township Supervisors Herb Hartle and Jim Reid agreed to coordinate the re-election effort in Ohio Township.

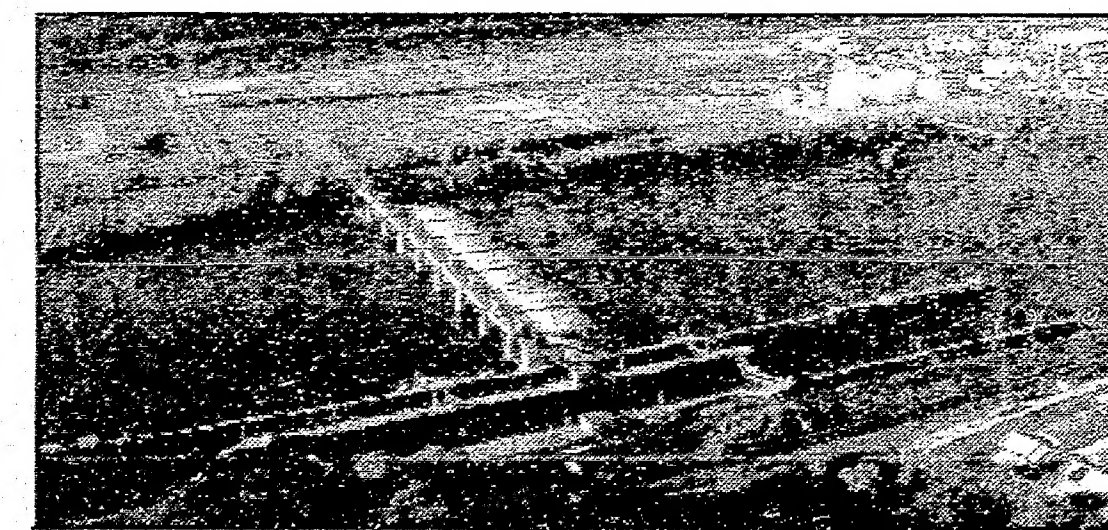
"I have supported Mark since he first ran for the House over two years ago,"

Pippy said.

"Since that time I have witnessed his strong support and personal involvement in projects in the airport corridor to include working with the BRAC Task Force to save the 911th and bringing back much needed funding from Harrisburg — bringing back our tax dollars to our region — for economic developments, which have created hundreds of good paying jobs."

Pippy said she is excited about helping Mustio toward his third victory. Moon and Ohio townships make up 40 percent of the 44th Legislative District.

WASHINGTON, D.C.



Emsworth Lock and Dam

Murphy announces dam funds

Congressman Tim Murphy (PA-18) has secured \$15 million in federal funds to replace the Emsworth Dams on the Ohio River.

The money was included in the 2006 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, which was passed by the House of Representatives.

The act outlines the federal government's spending on energy and water projects throughout the country.

More than \$67.3 million was included in the bill for the 18th Congressional District.

"The Emsworth Dams are in dreadful condition with a 74 percent chance of failure to occur at one of the dams," said Murphy.

"Over the last four years, there have been multiple failures in the system. During

any one of these failures, the dam could have been undermined, shutting down navigation on the Ohio River and access to Pittsburgh.

"The region's coal and steel companies depend on the Ohio River to transport their goods."

If the Emsworth Dam were to fail, 11,700 jobs would be put at risk and lost wages along could be \$2.2 million per day, Murphy explained.

"Fixing the Emsworth Dam is long overdue."

The funds will be used by the Army Corps of Engineers to replace dam gates, gate hoisting machinery, electrical power and distribution system, emergency bulkheads and a permanent scour protection system.

ALEPPO

Aleppo Township commissioners' infighting continues

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session.

"However, it gives the impression that he was thrown out and in context, nobody forced him to leave. They simply said to him that if he was not happy, he could leave," said Stone.

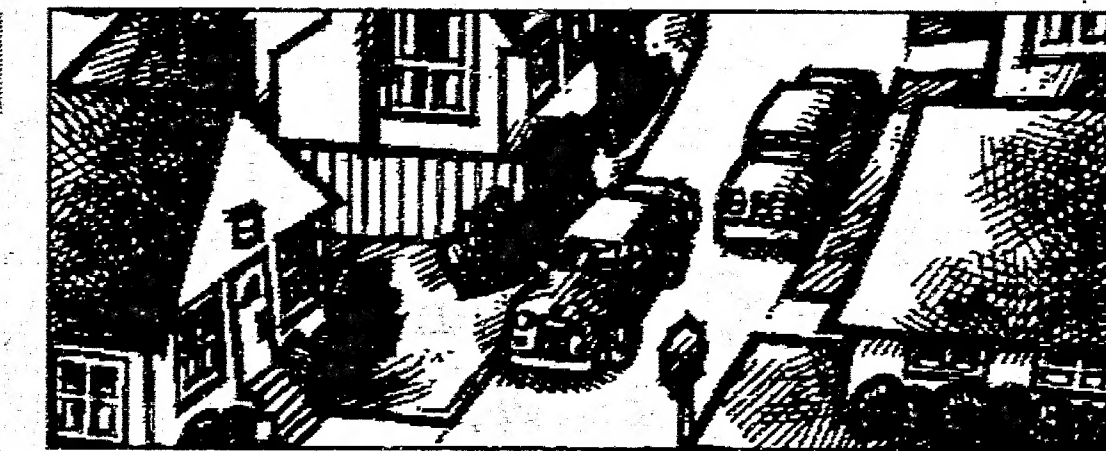
"I have never been in an executive session where a commissioner was deprived of the opportunity to participate."

Talmon was not in attendance at the commissioners meeting.

"There have been events escalating and after what happened the Friday prior to the meeting. I thought it was best to let tempers cool."

She added that Vish has no authority to ask for her resignation.

Talmon admitted to letting Rubb in the township building and said that if she had planned on holding a private meeting with Rubb, as some have claimed, the township building would be the last



place to do it.

The purpose of the meeting, said Talmon, was to allow Rubb to subpoena her there rather than at her home and for Rubb to drop off invoices for payment by the township.

"I did not want to be subpoenaed at home so as to protect my children from any of this, so I asked Rubb to meet me at the township building," said Talmon. "We were there literally 15 minutes."

Rubb served subpoenas on Talmon and Bittner for a hearing held Monday, Nov. 21.

He had refused to turn over legal documents to the interim solicitor after he was fired and has sued the township, claiming they owed him roughly \$25,000.

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CLUB DATE

Members get fashion tips

At the next meeting of Sewickley Mom's Club, Angie Pan-smith, owner of Sewickley's own unique boutique, Perfect, will present the latest in designer "Holiday Fashion Tips."

The program will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Beaver Street in Sewickley.

The program is free and open to all Sewickley area moms who are interested in fashion and holiday fun.

Moms are welcome to come with or without their kids.

For questions about the program or for more information about the Sewickley Mom's Club, e-mail sewickleymomclub@yahoo.com.



Clock tower tours give bird's eye view of town

Clock tower tours are on the schedule of events during this year's Yuletide in the Village celebration.

On Light-Up Night, Friday, Dec. 2, tours of Sewickley United Methodist Church's tower, located at the corner of Thorn and Broad streets, will be given from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Then on three Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., visitors can climb the steps for a bird's eye view of Sewickley Village.

This will continue a decade-long tradition of sharing the tower and its history with visitors to Sewickley.

Village Clock Tower

written by the Rev. Myles Bradley and Paul Collier

I am your clock tower, and for 123 years I have sat quietly overlooking the Village of Sewickley.

My clock has made some noise as its hammer stuck the bell to mark the passing of the hours and days and years, but I've heard you say that these were reassuring noises, so I won't apologize.

In 1882, the folk of the Methodist Church paid to bring my clock to town, and it was their janitor who raised the

ON A HIGH NOTE

weights that made it work.

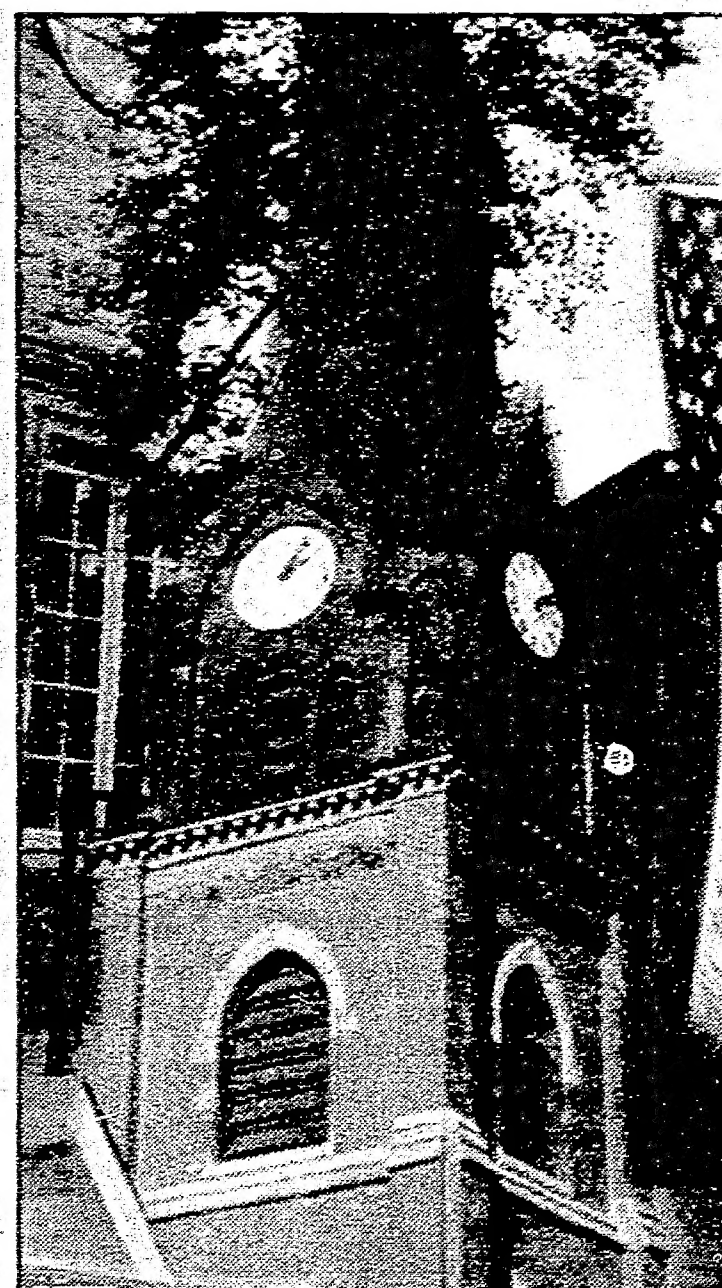
When electricity became available, it took the spotlight at night, and its weights and pulleys were replaced by an electric motor.

Through the years and seasons, I've stood proudly, been struck by lightning and endured wind and sun, rain and snow.

I am still here, but I had begun to leak. The mortar around my bricks became thin and the area around my clock faces began to show their age. It was then the townfolk, my special fans, stepped in with a plan to save me. Funds were raised by the community to restore me.

The members of the church and the citizens and merchants of Sewickley have generously responded to my pleas for help. Extensive repairs have been made so that, once again, I rise up proudly and beautifully toward the sky.

Church members have worked hard to raise funds for my maintenance... so I can continue in my proud status as a beloved Sewickley landmark.

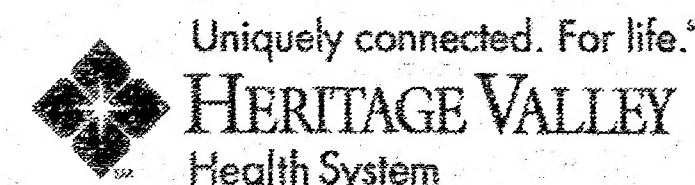


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Share Christmas spirit at Christy House luncheons

Returning to the Christy House for the second year, "The Sacred Sounds Quartet," an ensemble of four young women from Fox Chapel, will provide background music during lunch on Dec. 2 and 16.

FELLOWSHIP

Make your reservation by calling the Christy House Friday morning after 9:30 a.m. at 412-741-5960.

Some tickets are still available for the Candlelight Christmas Dinner, Dec. 6.

Call 412-741-6116 for reservations for the two seatings at 5 and 7 p.m.

The Christy House shops will be open for the event. Earthly Treasures has many Christmas treasures donated from friends and The Needles Eye is a storehouse of unusual gift items.

A special feature of the Needles Eye is the cookbook that includes the recipes used in the luncheons served in the tearoom.

The Christy House menus are unique — everything served is homemade.

Judi Erno, a local caterer, has been preparing the lunches for the past six years. She is ably backed up by Caroline Herring, whose recipes also appear in the Christy House Cookbook.

Dessert cookies are made by volunteers and some of these special goodies are also included in the book.

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Judi Erno



Caroline Herring

Christmas event will be donated to the needy.

The Christy House is open on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch is served at 11:30 and 12:30.

The Christy House will be closed Dec. 23 and 30.

AT THE LIBRARY

Glass art study on Dec. 6

On Tuesday Dec. 6, Heather McElwee, Pittsburgh Glass Center's program manager and a glass artist herself, will present a slide show and talk about the glass art movement, covering some of the most well known glass artists as well as emerging artists.

The hour long program will begin at 7 p.m., in the community room of Sewickley Public Library, Thorn and Broad streets, Sewickley.

Call the library to reserve

a seat at 412-741-6920.

The library is hosting an exhibit of contemporary glass art from the Pittsburgh Glass Center and includes the work of 20 area artists who teach or work out of the Glass Center.

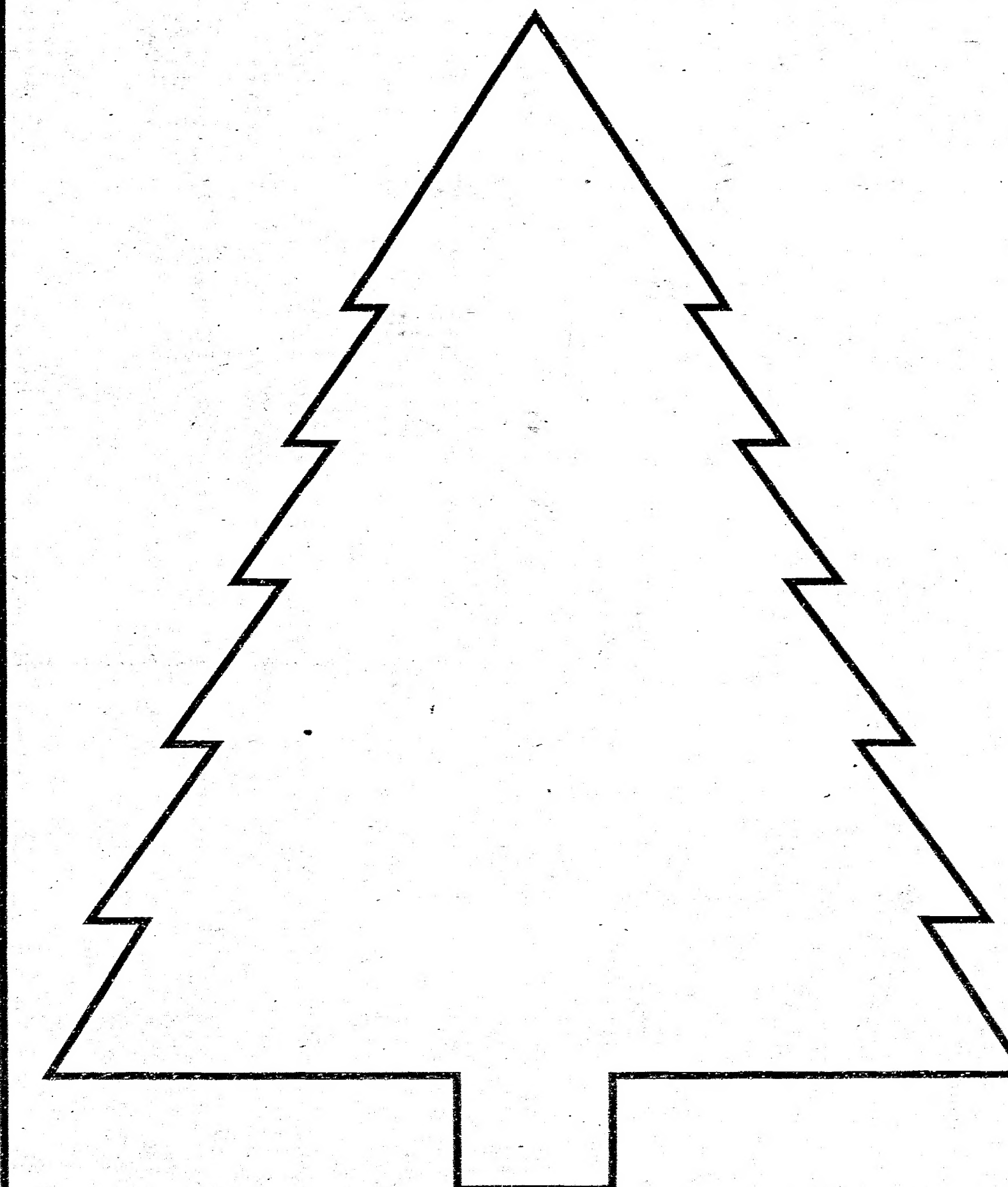
The exhibit runs through the end of December, and most of the works are available for purchase.

Pittsburgh Glass Center, opened in December 2001, is the first comprehensive glass art studio in Southwestern Pennsylvania.



Share the dates and times of your holiday events with your friends and neighbors. Send your announcements and photos via e-mail to Sewickley.Herald@gatewaynewspapers.com or mail to Sewickley Herald, 1964 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

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IN CONCERT

Tri-County takes to area stages

The "Songfest" concert of all the community choirs of TriCounty Choir Institute will be held in Grace Commons of St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m.

The Village Singers will present classical favorites as Mendelssohn's "There Shall A Star Come Out of Jacob" and "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

The Teen Chorale, a high school ensemble, will dress in costume of 16th century England and present "A Madrigal Fantasy."

Advance reserve tickets are available at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children by calling 724-266-2073.

At the door they will be \$8 and \$5 respectively. For more information, call 412-741-3463.

■ The Village Singers will entertain at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, before the performance of "A Musical Christmas Carol," Pittsburgh CLO's holiday presentation at the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh.

■ The Choraleers will perform before the noon performance on Saturday, Dec. 10.

■ The Teen Chorale will sing before the 4 p.m. performance on Saturday, Dec. 10.

"A Musical Christmas Carol" will be performed from Dec. 9-23.

Tickets range from \$24 - \$40, and children 3-14 are half price.

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FAITH IN ACTION FUND-RAISER



THE GLORIOUS sounds of the holidays as played by the River City Brass Band will return to Sewickley on Tuesday, Dec. 13. This Faith in Action fundraiser concert will be held in Sewickley United Methodist Church. The program will include the Moon Area High School Chamber Ensemble at 6:45 p.m. The River City Brass begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$20 per person for seniors (60 and older). Included in the cost of the ticket is the ensemble performance and the reception afterwards. For tickets, call Marge Rychel at 412-264-7494. Tickets also will be sold at the Sewickley YMCA, Penguin Book Shop and Party Ants. members of the RCBB committee are (front, from left) Pam Hess, Pat King, Karen Hallisey and Jean Seboit, Marge Rychel; (back, from left) Rod Gartner, Paul Collier, Karen Steup and Ann Berger. Absent from the photo are the Rev. Barry Lewis and Deb Shtulman.

ALL ABOARD!

Howard Hanna hosts annual holiday event

Howard Hanna Real Estate Service's Sewickley Office will host its annual "Choo Choo Chow Chow" holiday event to benefit the Children's Free Care Fund at Children's Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. at their office, 401 Broad St., Sewickley.

The cost is a \$5 donation. All proceeds will go to the Children's Free Care Fund.

Every year at this time, Howard Hanna proudly hosts "Choo Choo Chow Chow Events" in each of its 109 sales offices throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and New York to raise money for the Children's Free Care Fund in their region.

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For more information, call the Howard Hanna Sewickley Office at 412-741-2200.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, 401 Broad St., Sewickley, PA 15143.

Please make checks payable to "Children's Free Care Fund."

Donations for the auctions can be dropped off at the Howard Hanna Office.

Glade Run Donations

Friends of Glade Run Foundation in Zelienople are starting a sewing program.

The children who reside at Glade Run vary in age from birth to 17 and are awaiting adoption or placement in foster homes.

The sewing program will benefit girls age 10-13 at Bridge Cottage. It will build their self esteem and teach skills to support their well being.

Donations will be accepted to purchase sewing machines. Buttons, lace, thread and beads, fabric and pillow stuffing also are needed.

A representative will be collecting donations in front of Chico's, 419 Beaver St., Sewickley, on Dec. 2, during Light-Up Night.

For information, call Jerri at 412-741-4654 or Amy at 724-452-4453, Ext. 1102.

The deadline for donations is Saturday, Dec. 12.

FOR GIFT-GIVING

Tickets support Yuletide event

Show your support for "Yuletide in the Village/Light Up Night" by purchasing a ticket (or as many as you like) for only \$1 per ticket between now and Light-Up Night, Friday, Dec. 2.

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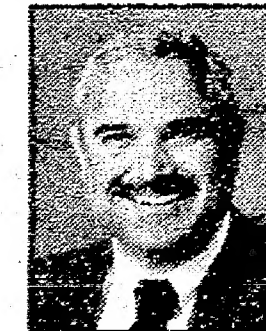


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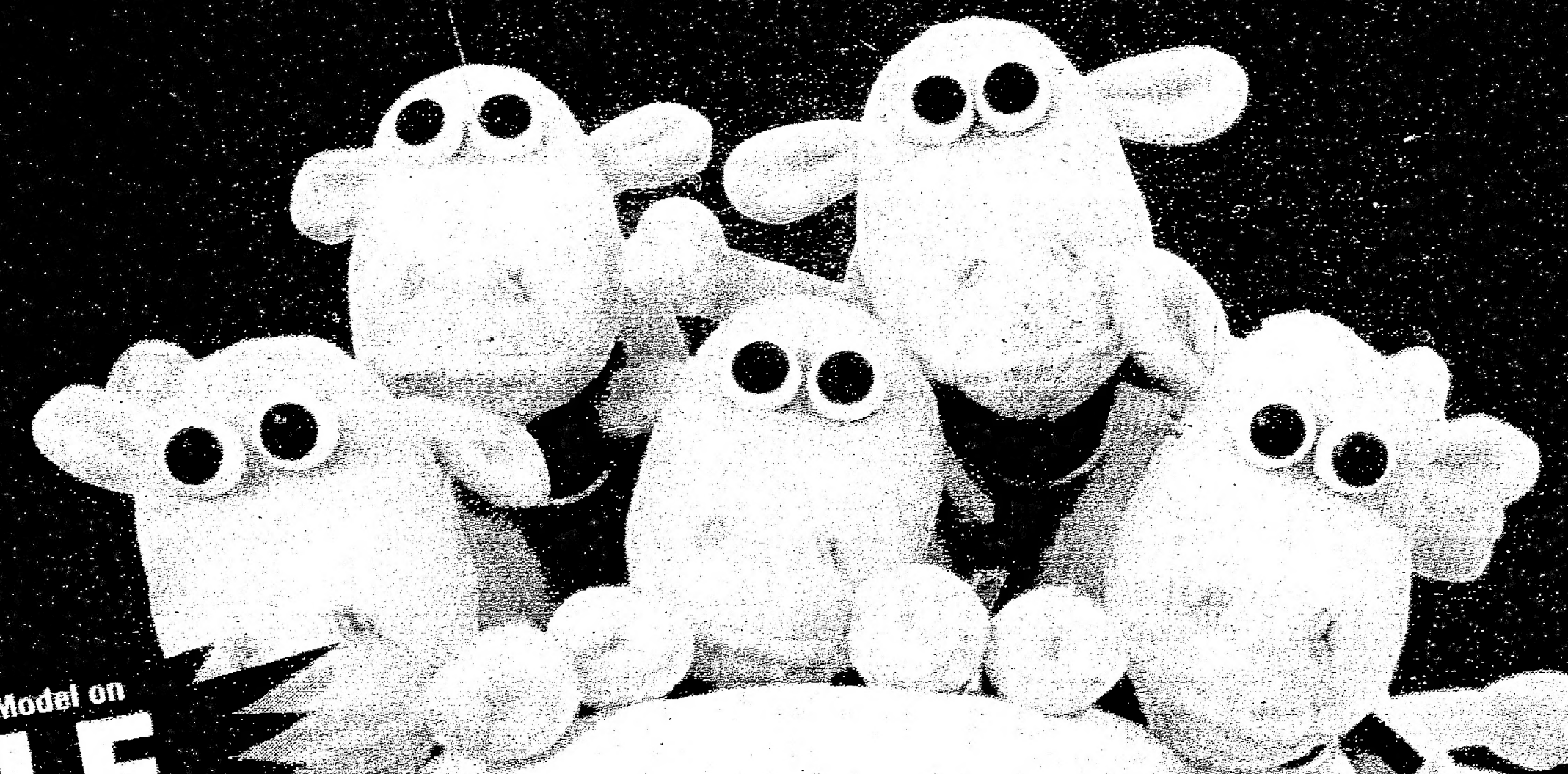
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IN THE PARK

Two events at Fern Hollow

Fern Hollow Nature Center and Phipps Botany in Action's "Very Merry Green Elephant Sale" will take place Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at the center on Glen Mitchell Road.

Enjoy a mint-condition yard sale, purchase hand-painted carvings by Bob and Shirley Mutz and enjoy family fun for \$1 making homemade Christmas presents.

Proceeds from this event will benefit educational programming at Fern Hollow Nature Center and fieldwork through Phipps' Botany in Action.

■ "Winter Tree Identifi-

cation" program will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, and Friday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Sewickley Heights Park.

Put on your boots, coats and long johns and join Thad Jones, Sewickley Heights park ranger, in celebrating the wonders of winter.

Learn how to identify trees without their leaves while enjoying the woods, which are full of sounds, sights, and colors even in the middle of winter.

Admission is free and the event is open to all ages.

Participants should meet in the upper parking lot of Sewickley Heights Park.

IN CONCERT

QV students take to the stage

More than 500 students will take part in the two-week Quaker Valley School District holiday concert series premiering Monday, Dec. 7.

The various choral and instrumental ensembles performing this year include 4th Grade Chorus, 5th Grade Chorus, Osborne and Edgeworth 5th Grade Bands, QV 5th Grade Strings, 6th Grade Orchestra, 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, Middle School Chorus, High School Symphonic Band, High School Jazz Band, High School Orchestra, High School Choir, High School Vocal Ensemble and the High School Girls Barbershop Quartet.

The full concert schedule is as follows:

• Quaker Valley High School Band/Choir Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the high school auditorium.

• Quaker Valley Middle School Band Winter Concert is set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, at the high school auditorium.

• Quaker Valley Middle School/High School Orchestra Concert will be presented at the high school auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.

• Osborne Elementary School Holiday Concert, will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Osborne multi-purpose room.

• Edgeworth Elementary School (at Anthony Wayne) Holiday Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Osborne Elementary multi-purpose room.

• Quaker Valley Middle School Holiday Chorus Concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19, at the Quaker Valley High School Auditorium.

All performances are free and open to the public.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Watson family aid

The Education Center at The Watson Institute on Camp Meeting Road offers support to parents of children with special needs.

All meetings are free of charge and open to parents and siblings of students enrolled at Watson, as well as the community at large.

Meetings are designed to provide an opportunity for parents and siblings touched by a child with special needs to share concerns, feelings, resources and helpful information.

Attendees are asked to RSVP by calling 412-749-2824.

Meetings will be cancelled on days when school has been closed or delayed.

■ Parents Together meets from 9:30 to 11:30

a.m. at the Education Center. Meeting dates are Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7 and May 5.

■ Parents of Autistic and Autistic-Like Students (PAALS) focuses on specific issues facing families of children with autism and related developmental disorders.

Meetings will be held Dec. 9, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21 and May 5.

■ Sibling Support Group and the Sibling Parent Discussion Group meets four times throughout the school year from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Baby-sitting services are provided, but reservations are required for children not participating in the meeting.

The groups are scheduled to meet on Dec. 1, Feb. 9 and April 6.

Dannielle Cagliuso tops in challenge

A Quaker Valley Middle School student is one of the 112 highest scoring students in the nation in this year's first WordMasters Challenge, a national language arts competition for high school students.

More than 55,000 students in 46 states entered the meet.

Although she is an eighth grader, Dannielle Cagliuso competed in the WordMasters Challenge as a ninth grader.

The competition, designed for ninth and tenth graders, is open to 4000 level language arts classes, which at Quaker

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Valley Middle School are taught by Lindsay Scharding and Heather Stumpf in the eighth grade.

WordMasters Challenge requires students to read and analyze several different kinds of prose and poetry in class and then asks them to recognize the emotional and/or rational logic of a piece of writing and to describe the ways in which the writer's style shapes and

shades the meaning.

The students discuss the text and then answer questions and write responses, which are then forwarded on to the WordMasters judges.

The text analyzed by the middle school team for this challenge was a short story by Katherine Mansfield.

The students will participate in three more WordMasters meets throughout the school year, with awards announced in June for the highest achievements over the course of the entire year.

MEETING DATE

Youth Connect group meets Dec. 1

Youth Connect, a group of concerned adults from local public and private schools, churches and other non-profit organizations working with area teens, will present "Teen Health Issues: Risky Business" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District.

The presentation will feature a panel of local physicians discussing the health trends of teens and healthy decision-making.

They are Dr. Thomas Pangburn, an emergency department physician from Sewickley Valley Hospital; Dr. Hedwig Marwaha, family practice physician from Heritage Valley Health Systems; Dr. Corrie Manjoo, of UPMC;

and Dr. Michael Fortunato, from the Staunton Clinic.

Youth Connect is a Sewickley-area community organization supporting the Sewickley Community Action Team (SCAT) and the 40 developmental assets that increase the likelihood that young people can avoid risky behaviors.

SCAT is an organization of area students created to promote the health and well-being of their peers.

Youth Connect is sponsored by the American Association of University Women of Coraopolis-Sewickley, the Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, the Quaker Valley School District, St. James School, Sewickley Academy, Sewickley Ministerium, Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker

Valley School District, the Sewickley Valley YMCA and the Northern Alliance Against Highly Addictive Drugs.

Upcoming topics

"Life in a Pressure Cooker," a discussion of the pressures of life and the stresses affecting parents and children, 7 p.m., Jan. 26, 2006.

"If I Could Turn Back the Hands of Time," in which experienced parents reflect on what they've learned and what they would do differently, 7 p.m., Feb. 23, 2006.

For more information on the Youth Connect program and organization, call Alan Carson, guidance counselor, Quaker Valley Middle School, at 412-749-5098.

WORKSHOPS

For special needs children

The Watson Institute will hold the following workshops for professionals, teachers and others touched by a child with autism.

For more information, call 412-749-2830.

• "Promoting Positive Behavior for Students with Autism" Friday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost-\$45.

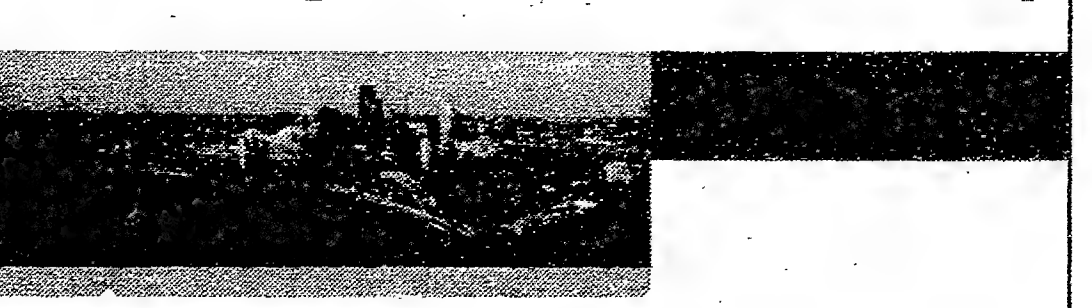
• "Strategies for Supporting Students with Autism and As-

perger's Disorder in the Classroom" March 3, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost-\$45.

• "Educational Aspects of Nonverbal Learning Disabilities" on March 17, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost-\$85.

• "Promoting Communication Skills for Students with Autism" on April 7, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost-\$45.

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Written by "Back Home." Read by Sewickley.

"I love Sewickley," she says proudly. "This is where I belong. I was born here." So it is not surprising that she's active on YourSewickley.com — the Internet site that's dedicated exclusively to our town.

Leora has her own blog on YourSewickley.com. Appropriately enough, her handle is "Back Home." See what she — and many of your neighbors — have to say on the site. Check out their news, views, photos. And then start your own blog. Your friends want to hear from you. They think you moved away.

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TRIB TOTAL MEDIA

Local student writes prize-winning essay

By Kate Canon
Staff writer

Eight-year-old Sherrine Diffendal of St. James School, Sewickley won a medal, \$50 and a T-shirt for her award-winning essay in the Post-Gazette's "World Peace" contest at a ceremony on Nov. 14, at the County Courthouse.

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The school sent a form home, asking the children if they wanted to get involved in writing a 100-250 word essay or creating artwork for the competition. She chose to write an essay on stopping illegal drugs from destroying communities.

Sherrine's mother, Pam, says this has been a topic they've spoken about several times at home.

"We've talked about drugs in our house and how dangerous they are," Pam says. "What she wrote in her essay is what we've always talked about."

Sherrine says she chose her topic because she liked it. "I said to put up signs that say drugs are bad," Sherrine explains. "If you know someone who is selling drugs, you need to tell someone — a parent, adult or the police."

The Diffendals are very proud of their daughter. Sherrine's father taught her the five steps to writing an



Sherrine Diffendal

essay and she took it from there.

After completing the essay, Sherrine's father read it, made a few corrections and she took it back to St. James the next day.

Sherrine has put half of her prize money in her savings account and the other half in a college fund. She hopes that kids who read her essay take a few crucial points with them.

"Don't do drugs because they're bad for you," she says. "They make your brain go crazy."

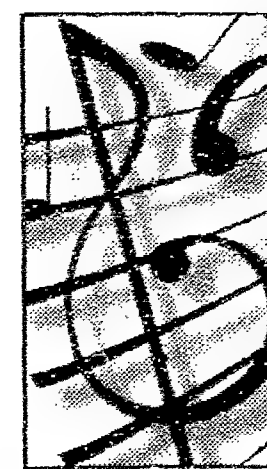
EVENTS

Young Musicians entertain

The Center for Young Musician's violinists to play at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1:15 to 2 p.m.

This performance is part of the school's outreach program, where students play out in the Pittsburgh/North Hills community.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m. the young musicians will play at the PPG Winter



garden.

For more information about this event or the Wexford school, call 724-935-0505.

Cancelled

The Quaker Valley Middle School Juggling Club has cancelled its Family Juggling Night and Competition scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, at the middle school auditorium.

The event will be rescheduled in the spring.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Boy Scouts Troop 243 offer luminaria

Boy Scouts from Troop 243 are selling luminaria kits for Christmas.

Each kit consists of 10 eight-hour candles, 10 white paper bags and a bag of sand.

The price is \$9, and the kits will be delivered to your door Saturday, Dec. 17.

To place an order, call 412-259-8039 or 412-741-8960.

Orders will be taken until Thursday, Dec. 15.

Tots.

Pete Poninsky, Leetsdale Borough mayor and Allegheny County Boroughs Association 1st vice president, will deliver them to the association for the Marine Corps to collect.

Toy donations will be accepted at the Leetsdale Borough Building, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. before Dec. 2.

Toys for Tots

The Allegheny County Boroughs Association, in conjunction with the U. S. Marine Corps, is collecting Toys for

Baking for a cause

Sewickley Moms Club will hold a holiday bakesale on Saturday, Dec. 3, in Wolcott Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The group is joining in the national campaign called "The Great American Bakesale" sponsored by ABC, PARADE magazine and Share Our Strength.

All proceeds will benefit Share Our Strength, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger in America.

Since 2003, the Great American Bakesale has raised millions of dollars for children across the country.

There will be a variety of baked goods for sale.

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Triumph Baptist holds last 2005 Senior Ministry event

The final Senior Ministry luncheon for 2005 will be held Thursday, Dec. 1, at 11:30 a.m. at Triumph Baptist Church.

The guest speaker will be Tim Lightner, manager of Medicare Part D Sales at Highmark.

Luncheons will resume in March 2006.

The church is located at 201 Frederick Avenue, Sewickley.

For more information, call Lois Rush at 412-741-7621.

Lessons and Carols

The Presbyterian Church of Sewickley will hold its annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m.

Carols from several counties will be performed by the church's adult and middle school singing choirs and adult handbell choirs, as well as the congregation gathered that afternoon, in response to the reading of scriptures related to the prophecy of Jesus' coming and his Incarnation.

Accompanying the singers will be organist Judith Beswick, the Ceremonial Brass Quintet and percussionist Cary Ehrenfeld.

Craig Dobbins and Raymond Blackwell will be conductors for the service.

The service is open to the public and is free of charge. It will be held in the church's sanctuary, located at the corner of Beaver and Grant streets, four blocks west of Sewickley's shopping district.

At First Church

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sewickley, holds its Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

The Lesson-Sermon for Sunday is titled "God is the Only Cause and Creator" and will open with a quotation from John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Wednesday evening testimony meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

The Reading Room is open



Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The church is located at 222 Beaver St., Sewickley.

At Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45.

Bible Study and Prayer Service are on Wednesdays beginning at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Troy Sligh is pastor.

For more details, call the church at 417-741-7688.

Advent observance

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will observe the Advent season throughout December in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Each Sunday morning at 8:15 and 11 worship, an additional candle is lit on the Advent wreath which features three blue and one pink candle, until on Christmas Eve when all four candles, plus the white Christ candle in the center of the wreath will be burning.

The Sunday School Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Each Sunday School class will perform a skit or song, and individual students will get a chance to showcase their talents.

The church is located at 616 Washington St., Sewickley. The public is invited to attend.

Oasis Service

An Oasis Service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, at The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley.

This is a quiet service of prayer, song, communion and anointing for healing.

It is held in the chapel at 7:30 p.m. In the Robinson Room, a walking labyrinth is available for meditation from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Voices in song

Voices young and old will be raised in song in the sanctuary of St. James Catholic Church on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m.

The Children's Choir will perform the musical, "The Merry Christmas Mission."

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., the adult, youth and bell choirs will perform a Christmas concert and cantata with the orchestra.

The public is invited to attend.

The church is located on Walnut Street, Sewickley.

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IN MEMORY

Joseph Bates of Sewickley Heights

Joseph Clark Bates Jr. died in his home in Sewickley Heights on Nov. 18, 2005, of heart failure following complications from pancreatic cancer. He was 85 years old.

A memorial service will be held in The Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, 414 Grant St., Sewickley, on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Jean Henderson officiating.

Family and friends will be received at a reception at Allegheny Country Club immediately following the service.

Interment will be private.

Mr. Bates was born in Sparta, Ill., on June 26, 1920, to Joseph Clark Bates and Anna Reinhardt Bates.

He was a graduate of the University of Southern California.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service as Communications Officer aboard the U.S.S. Sealion, which received two presidential unit citations. He received two personal commendations as well as the Silver Star.

Following the war, he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a year of postgraduate studies before starting his own contracting business in Illinois in 1946.

Gail Cernansky Glenfield resident

Gail E. (Brenner) Cernansky, 81, of Glenfield, passed away on Nov. 23, 2005.

She was the beloved wife of Peter J. Cernansky; loving mother of Henry C. (Dona) Cernansky of Montana, Gail E. (Robert) Garlitz of Sewick-

In 1960, he joined the brokerage firm of Newhard, Cook & Co. in St. Louis, Mo., where he led a research project to develop an all-aluminum beverage can and was later invited to join the Aluminum Company of America.

During his 22-year career with Alcoa, his positions included managing director of Alcoa of Australia and executive vice president of Alcoa International Division.

Mr. Bates loved flying. He obtained his pilot's license in 1936 and flew his prized Beechcraft Bonanza airplanes until the age of 82.

He was also a talented and avid woodworker and photographer.

Some of his fondest memories were of flying all over the country, Canada and Alaska, visiting family and friends with his wife ably assisting as the co-pilot.

He is survived by his wife, Millicent Simonds Bates, also of Sparta, Ill.; daughters Jan Wheeler of Athens, Ga. (Mark); Maya Bates of Fairborn, Ohio; Leslie Johnson of Xenia, Ohio (Douglas); sons, Joseph (III) of Noblesville, Ind. (Mary Louise) and Robert of Columbus, Ohio (Yukiko).

He also is survived by his sister, Julian Ann Tunnell of

ley and Paul M. (Nancy Cernansky of Freedom, Pa.

She was the loving grandmother of Paul Cernansky and Dayna Mauer, Robert Garlitz and Elizabeth Walter, Lisa Graham, Paul Cernansky Jr., Peter Cernansky, Lee Ann Magness and Lindsay Cernansky.

Mrs. Cernansky was the sister of Margaret Schwogl

San Antonio, Texas, and eight grandchildren; Anna Wheeler Rosenquist, Eleanor Bates Keeler; Elizabeth Simonds Roderick; David M. Roderick III, Ensign Samuel Bates Wheeler; Joseph Clark Bates IV; Thomas Joseph Roderick and Robert Clark Roderick, and by his beloved Supper Club friends in Sparta, Ill.

He was a member of the Duquesne Club, Edgeworth Club, Stonedale Guns and Edgeworth Investors Club, and formerly of Allegheny Country Club and Rolling Rock Club.

He was a trustee of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sparta, Ill., and The Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Ind., and an elder of The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley.

He was also a former trustee of Sewickley Valley YMCA, a member of Sewickley Water Authority and a past board director of Pitt-Des Moines and C-Cor Corporation.

Memorials may be made to Laughlin Center, Sewickley, The Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, Sewickley Valley YMCA or Watson Institute, Sewickley.

Arrangements were made by Pyatt-Harwood Funeral Home of Pinckneyville, Ill.

of Glenfield and the late Henry W. Brenner Jr. and Clarence P. Brenner. She also is survived by 13 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Sewickley United Methodist Church, its choir and the Sewickley Methodist Women. She loved quilting and knitting.

Mrs. Cernansky's interment was private.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's Sewickley.

Maxine Edel, wife and mother

Maxine Chadwick Edel, 91, of Sewickley, passed away on Nov. 22, 2005, in Sewickley Valley Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born June 8, 1914, in Brownsville, Pa., she was the youngest child of George H. Chadwick and Annie (Lloyd) Chadwick.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Edel is survived by her loving husband of more than 72 years, William H. Edel; sons, W. George Edel (Ann Marie) of Sewickley, Jon Chadwick Edel (Mary Ellen) of Chippewa Township, and daughter Edythe Edel Endean (James T.) of Fairview, Pa.

She also is survived by grandchildren, Sue Edel Jones (Richard T.) of Hillard, Ohio; William R. Edel (Jill)

of Baden; James T. Endean Jr. of New York City; Kelly Anne Edel of Beaver Falls; Kimberly Edel Pagana (Brian) of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Jon Chadwick Edel Jr. (Linda) of Brighton Township; Annie C. Endean of Richmond, Va.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Edel will be remembered for her love of her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, bridge and any card game.

She was an Episcopalian by faith and a member of the Sewickley Chapter O.E.S.

Burial followed in Redstone Cemetery in Brownsville, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Heart Fund.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's Sewickley.

SUPPORT

The monthly Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Sewickley Valley Hospital, meets in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Washington and Logan streets, Sewickley.

The group meets every

third Thursday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Members are welcome to come to each meeting or from time to time.

For more information, call the chaplain's office at SVH at 412-749-7054.

Thought for the Week

As we travel our journey through life we all experience, at some time or another, unhappiness and sorrow. We don't like to be unhappy or to feel sorrow. But too often when sorrow strikes us we close not merely the windows of our houses, but the windows of our souls. We sit in the dark with our grief. We keep away from the light, from the things that give happiness.

There is so much joy in the world - if we would only take time to enjoy it. It need not be much to make us happy - just the everyday things of life, the beauty around us, the pleasures of work, of companionship, of friends.

I (We) have often wondered how different the world would be if people felt free to enjoy life. To say "I am happy" and to spend more time thinking of that happiness, no matter how simple, than to ponder on the sorrow that preceded it. A great man once said: "Joy is the grace we say to God."

Be happy. You can be, if you will but open the windows of your soul to God's sunlight...



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Prince Addison Gould

What do you like about the
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It's fun to make ornaments at the library with friends. You can come later to see your work on the library's Christmas tree.



Prince Joseph Straka

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

I like the little twinkling lights in the darkness, seeing lots of family and friends, hearing Christmas carols and tasting yummy treats!



Prince Kristopher Wright

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

I like to walk the streets with family, friends and neighbors. We drink hot cocoa at Sewickley and shop for our gifts there too. I see my Karate Sensei and my teachers from QV and it's FUN! My little brother likes to do arts and crafts at the Sewickley Library. And we both really like the parade too. I can't wait to do it again this year. It has become a family tradition for our family.



Mackenzie Harrison

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

Everyone is so friendly. It's like a big family. People smile and say "Hi", and really mean it! I am proud to live in Sewickley!



Olliella Poppenberg

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

I like all of my family, friends and neighbors celebrating together on Light-Up Night!



Brady Pfister

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

I like the Sewickley Yuletide because it puts everybody into the Christmas Spirit. Some people are sad at Christmas and they need help with their spirit!



Ashley McKendry

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

Yuletide in the Village is my favorite time of the year. I like watching the Christmas lights turn on and hearing the carolers sing.



Rose Elizabeth Franzen

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

Light-Up Night is my favorite time of the year. I love spending time with my family. I love listening to Christmas music.



Marigrace Scriverich

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

Seeing all the lights on the trees during the holidays make me happy and very joyful. They make me excited for Santa Claus!



Faith Cook

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

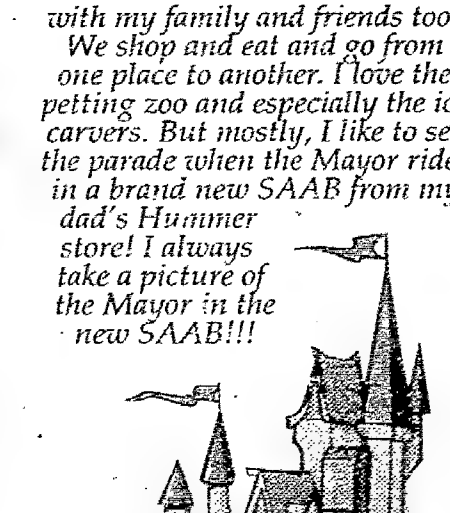
I like the climb to the clock tower at the church. I also like that it's something fun for my whole family to do around the Holidays!



Kevin Wright

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

I love Christmas! Christmas time in the Village is so magical. All the lights make me so happy inside. I like to walk around with my family and friends too!



Princess Zoe Stanley

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

My favorite part of Yuletide in Sewickley Village is Light-Up night. Light-up night is so exciting to me because of all the sights, smells, entertainment, food and rides. The horseback riding is great! The food rocks! The petting zoo is outrageous! I love Yuletide in Sewickley Village.



Princess Julia Poppenberg

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

I like the lights, glow jewelry, petting zoo, crafts and to see Mrs. Claus each year. Light-Up Night is always a bright night!



Princess Sophia Poppenberg

What do you like about the
Yuletide Light-Up Night?

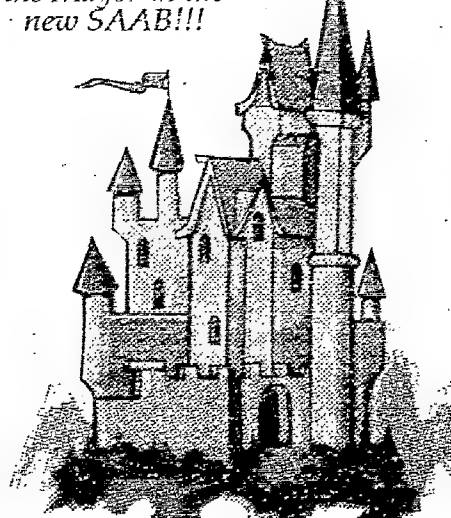
I like all the activities of Light-Up Night and I like that the Village is lit up. Light-Up Night is awesome!



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Holiday Wishes

Dialing down holiday stress

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we have weighed in our minds rather than live on automatic pilot."

One of her tips: "Take a little bit of time every day for ourselves, to get centered, to get quiet, to decide what's most important to do and to let go of some of the expectations about doing a lot more during this time."

What Wurgel talks about — cutting back on materialism and focusing on what really matters — sounds enticing. So why doesn't everybody do it?

"I think living a simpler, slower life requires getting in touch with themselves, and that's scary."

ABOUT VALUES

It may be easier to stay busy. At least for now.

"I think it will eventually happen," Wurgel says of people slowing down. "But I think too many peo-

ple wait until they get a heart attack, a panic attack or a bout of cancer. Then they slow down. I think that eventually we learn it, but those of us interested in the Voluntary Simplicity Group hope that we can learn it before we have a major catastrophe to help us learn the lesson."

Jeffrey Conte is an associate professor of psychology at San Diego State University who has studied and written about time management. He also collects pithy sayings about time. One of his favorites is from former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger: "If you do not know where you are going, every road will get you nowhere."

Conte's advice: Focus on your values. "How you spend your time is definitely influenced by your values," he says. He makes lists of short-term things to do and long-term goals. When he gets overwhelmed, he goes back to those lists and refocuses. It happened to him recently

when he was co-authoring a new textbook, "Work in the 21st Century: An Introduction to Industrial and Organizational Psychology."

"There were definitely days when I felt overwhelmed," Conte says. He'd ask himself: "What am I trying to do in the

longer term?"

Conte suggests that the holiday time pressure isn't all bad. "There is an emphasis on getting together with family and friends — and that's a valuable thing to do," he says.

And when you're feeling overloaded? "Step back and think about the mean-

ing of the holidays," he says.

Again, it comes down to choices. An ethics of time.

"If they want to accomplish things, if they want to see things, if they want to experience things, they'll have to use their time wisely," says Conte.

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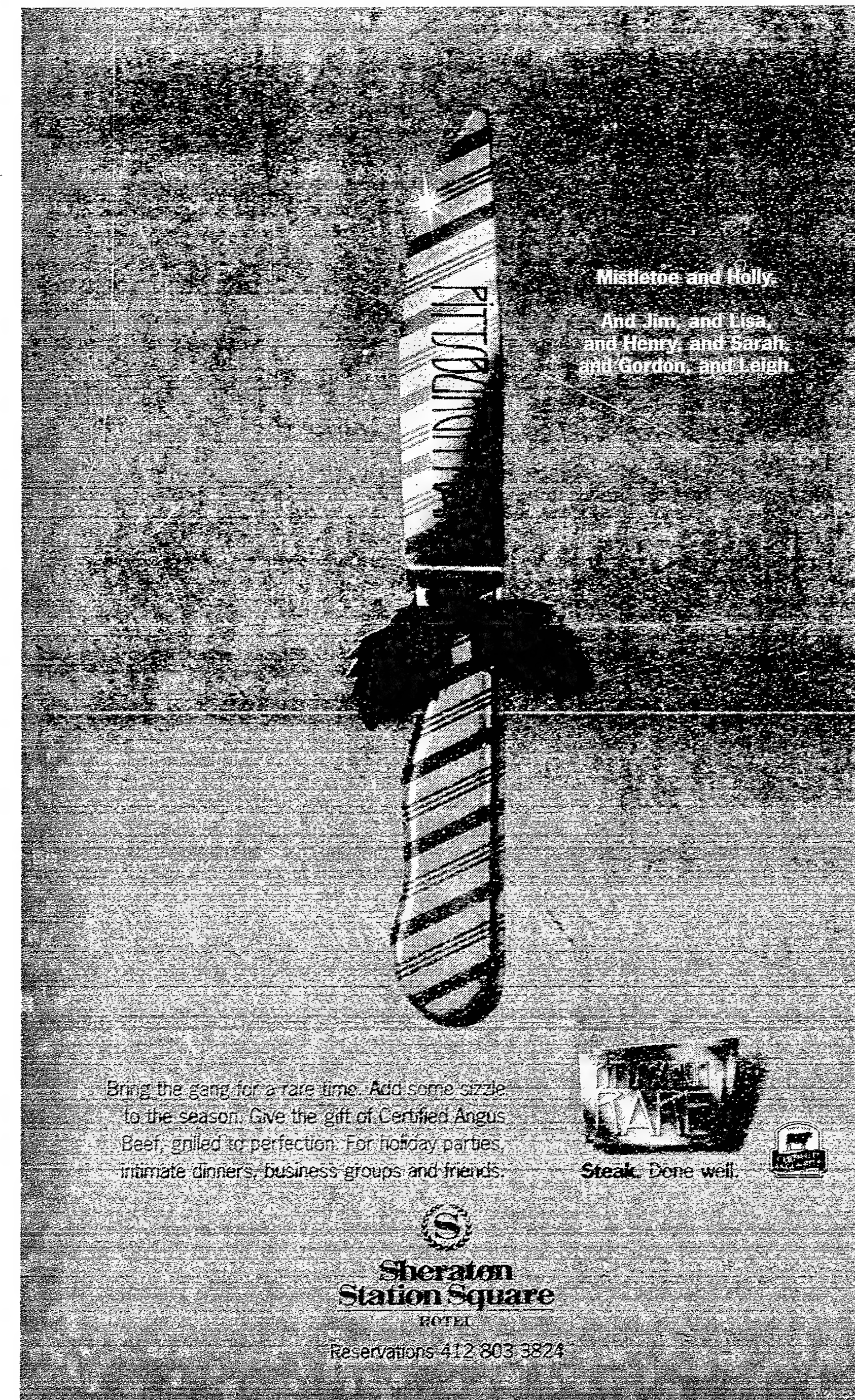
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The poster contest is open to students living in or attending school in counties bordering the Ohio River or counties participating in the River Sweep.

This includes all counties along the Ohio River in Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

The annual River Sweep will be held Saturday, June 17. River Sweep is a one-day cleanup project for the Ohio River and its tributaries. The project covers nearly 3,000 miles of shoreline from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill., and averages more than 20,000 volunteers a year.

Trash collected during the clean-up has included cars, tires, furniture, toys, a piano and a variety of other items.



All trash collected is either recycled or placed in approved landfills.

River Sweep is held to create an awareness of water quality problems caused by litter and illegal dumping.

Posters submitted for the contest should reflect this goal and focus on encouraging volunteer participation.

The deadline for the River Sweep Poster Contest is Dec. 8, 2005.

River Sweep is sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, a water pollution control agency for the Ohio River and its tributaries.

For more information about the River Sweep Poster Contest, or for complete rules and regulations, call Jeanne Ison at 1-800-359-3977, or visit the commission's Web site at www.orsanco.org.

NEWSBEAT

Paper carriers applauded

Melissa Pochan and Rachel Zentgraf, carriers for Gateway Newspapers, were nominees for the state Outstanding Newspaper Carrier Recognition Program, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association.

Melissa delivers the Norwin Star and Rachel is a carrier for the Oakmont Advance Leader.

Earlier this year, Gateway's circulation department selected the outstanding carriers from among the company's many publications.

In addition to Melissa and

Rachel, the 14 selected were: Will Swanson, Sewickley Herald; Mark Taylor, Woodland Progress; Josh Devinney, Penn Hills Progress; David Grasso, Plum Advance Leader; Devin O'Donnell, Times Express; Richie Marson, Murrysville Star; Patrick Weber, Penn-Trafford Star; Marshall Lewis, Coraopolis-Moon Record; Patrick Cappelletta, West Allegheny Record; Andrew Drischler, South Hills Record; Connor McRory, Bridgeville Area News; and Dillon Barton, Carnegie Signal Item.

SPORTS



Bringing
the Heat

By Bill
Hartlep

Talented teams at QV and SA very exciting

If all good things come to an end, they must also begin.

This issue marks the start of my coverage for the Herald, and I enter this task with a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm.

Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy teams have been very successful in the WPIAL and PIAA, especially in soccer over the past few weeks, which makes my job very enjoyable.

I'm anxious to get to know the athletic directors, coaches, players, volunteers and parents that make local high school sports the purest form of athletics around, and I'm intrigued by the local rivalries and heated battles on the gridiron, courts and ball fields.

Heroic performances of student-athletes will be featured weekly in these pages. The toughest part of my job will be picking and choosing from the broad crop of gifted players in this area, so that I can relay their talents and personalities through a story to the readers.

Sports has encompassed nearly my entire 24 years. After being surpassed by higher talent levels in soccer (elementary school), basketball (high school) and finally baseball after four years of college ball, I realized that writing would be my only way into athletics.

My career has led me to intern, freelance and staff writer positions and given me a chance to cover many different sports and teams on the local level as a sports editor.

I look forward to watching the area coaches and teams compete in Sewickley, not only because it's my job, but also as a fan of sports and the competitiveness of high school athletics.

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SAYING GOODBYE

Klein leaving QV soccer for top job at Riverhounds

By Bill Hartlep

Sports editor

Six state titles, six WPIAL crowns, 16 section championships, 25 consecutive playoff appearances and more than 450 wins at the high school level.

These extraordinary accomplishments fill the resume of Gene Klein, who has coached the Quaker Valley boys' soccer for the past 25 years and built the soccer program into a championship-calibre team each season.

The achievements were so impressive that Pittsburgh's professional soccer team, the Riverhounds, offered Klein a head coaching position.

Klein accepted and has resigned his coaching duties at Quaker Valley, just days after his team finished as the state runner-up in Class A.

The coaching legend held a team meeting last week to break the news.

"When he told us, it was really hard," said junior Adam Monteverde, the leading scorer. "It was crazy, because it was such a shock. It was so surprising. It was so sad for all of us to see him go out in his last year after such a legendary coaching career at Quaker Valley. It was sad that we had an opportunity to win him a gold medal in his last season, but couldn't."

The players took the news hard, some breaking into tears as they recalled times with the coach, who doubled as a teacher of life lessons.

"It's hard to gather thoughts now," said Ben Sopp, a senior All-State defender. "It was obviously a great time of growth for me as a soccer player, and coach taught us all the fundamentals. He then progressed to team unity and moving as a unit. He just educated me on soccer, much more than I ever had been before."

Dr. Jerry Longo, Quaker Valley superintendent, said that Klein built the soccer program from the ground up during his tenure, becoming the heart and soul of his teams. But soccer intelligence and schemes weren't what made him a good coach.

"Coach Klein is a master teacher, both in the classroom and on the soccer field. He brings all that skill as a teacher to the soccer program. I think he is a man of high standards, yet the kids over the years have found him to be extremely approachable and someone they look to as they're in the growing years," Longo said.



GENE KLEIN (center) spent 25 seasons as the field boss at QV, winning six state titles in that span.

File photo

"We've heard it time and time again that he's been a powerful influence on them, not only as school students, but as they've left our schools and gone into the world. Things they've learned from Coach Klein stick with them."

Jerry Veshio, QV athletic director, worked with Klein since 1980 when the veteran coach took over. Veshio observed first-hand the effect the coach had on the players and students.

"To me, it's more than just Gene's accomplishments," Veshio said. "It's what he's done with the kids that he's had contact with. It was never about his accomplishments. It was about the game of soccer and the program."

His soccer expertise was in goal-tending, which helped him land an assistant position with the Riverhounds earlier in his career, but he also focused his team on controlling the ball, smart passing, positioning, being a leader and other intangibles that make differences in games.

"He's an amazing coach," Monteverde said. "Every day, I learned something new. It's unbelievable what he did for our team, how he

molded us and made us champions."

Klein has agreed to assist with the process of finding a successor that will preach the same concepts, ideals and attitude that he built into a success at QV.

"We want to stick with the same ideals and approach to the game that Gene has taught over the years, although there won't be anybody who can step into his shoes," Longo said.

Monteverde added, "He's irreplaceable. You can't really take Coach Klein's place, but hopefully they will be able to get someone in for next year so we can win another championship."

Klein was unavailable for comment for this article as he was coaching in Texas. Check next week's issue for a follow up on the legendary coach.

The new Riverhounds field boss will remain at Quaker Valley as a history teacher, educating the high school students in the happenings of the world as well as how to live in it.

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Size and shooting keys for Panthers

By Bill Hartlep
Sports editor

Win Palmer and the Sewickley Academy boys' basketball team had a solid season in Section 1A last year, but suffered an early exit from the WPIAL playoffs, falling to Leechburg in the first round.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

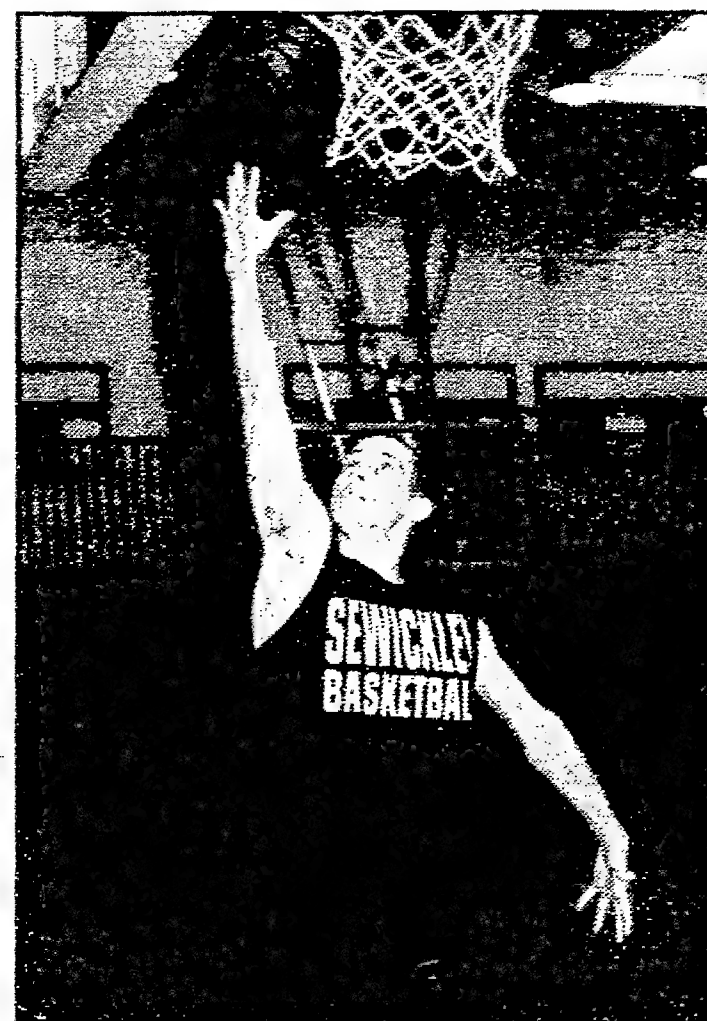
Three returning starters lead a talented Panthers lineup that features plenty of height and skills to push for a section title run again this year.

"Many of this year's players benefited from action against a tough schedule (last year)," said the fifth-year head coach at SA. "The strength of this year's team will be the quality and quantity of fine players."

Seniors Matt Palmer and Luke Brooks will be relied on for most of the scoring this season. Matt Palmer, a 6-foot guard, averaged 14 points and five assists last season and is garnering attention from several Division III schools.

Palmer, a four-year letter winner, will run the point and get plenty of set ups for the talented perimeter shooters that fill out the roster.

Brooks is a 6-5 post threat who put up 11 points and seven rebounds per



Senior guard Matt Palmer

game last year. The third returning starter is junior Mike Jackson, a 6-0 guard, who excels as a shut down defender, solid ballhandler and clutch outside sharpshooter.

Other top contributors this season will be Chris Franz (Sr., G), Clay Pennington (Sr., G), Mike Kalis (Jr., G), Jeff Bobish (Sr., G), Michael Dean

(Jr., F), Pete Kyme (Sr., C) and Ben McCormick (Sr., F).

Kyme and McCormick will look to be huge components to the inside game as each stands above 6-foot-5 and can protect the basket.

Height and solid outside shooting will be the most obvious strengths for the Panthers, which will be crucial in the section this year. Sewickley Academy will be competing with Our Lady of Sacred Heart, who returns nearly every player from a playoff team, Western Beaver, who was a state qualifier last year, and a perennial talented Union squad.

Monaca, Quigley and defending section champion Cornell are also threats to the Panthers title run.

To prepare for the tough section season and a playoff atmosphere, SA will take on defending WPIAL Champions Moon Area and Duquesne, as well as top-notch programs Chartiers Valley and Sto-Rox, as well as Class A powerhouses Leechburg and Vinton.

Neighborhood rival Quaker Valley, who returns three stud athletes of its own from a state quarterfinalist team, will also be a game to circle on the calendar. The Panthers host the Quakers on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Snyder Gym.

Sewickley Academy will tip-off the season on Friday, Dec. 2, at the Moon Area Tip-Off Tournament.

FOOTBALL FRIENDS

Former Quakers take field together again

Former Quaker Valley football teammates Tim McCutcheon and Nathan Liberty, playing on the same team at California University of Pennsylvania, recently won a conference championship.

The fighting Vulcan's from Cal-U defeated IUP to claim the PSAC title, which they shared with Edinboro.

Cal-U defeated Edinboro earlier in the season, but both teams ended up 6-1 in the conference to share the PSAC Conference Championship Title. For Cal-U, the last time this occurred was back in 1984.

McCutcheon and Liberty, whose father, Tom Liberty, is a former QV football coach, played together on the same gridiron to claim a championship ring that will bring memories for a lifetime.

"Working with these young men as their head coach during my tenure at Quaker Valley, and getting to watch these same two young men at the college level has been one of my highlights of my coaching career," Tom Liberty said.

"I am proud of these young men for facing the adversity that they both faced

as college athletes, hanging in there through coaching changes, transferring from one school to another, and for them to be able to reap the benefits of playing on a championship football team together is outstanding.

"A lifetime of great memories, friendships, a championship ring and a highlight someday on their resumes as they pursue their lifetime dreams is an outstanding accomplishment for these two young men," he said.

One special moment occurred as Cal-U returned a kick-off for a touchdown.

McCutcheon met Nathan Liberty as he came off the field from the return team and literally picked him up in the air to celebrate the success of the Vulcan's touchdown.

This act of delight and celebration said it all for the friendship that these two boys have shared ever since their playing days back at QV.

Nathan Liberty, a senior, played his last regular season game.

"I had several emotions going through me during this football game and I am

proud of my son for fighting through injuries and staying the course to finally achieve the ultimate goal," the elder Liberty said.

"To finally realize that it is all coming to an end, that both my son's football careers have run their course, put a big knot in my throat."

Nathan Liberty was named to the ESPN the Magazine's Academic All-District football team.

Both will receive their championship rings and may get the opportunity to enter the NCAA Division 1AA playoffs.

"I had a lot of pride while coaching at Quaker Valley and I hope this article will inspire the young men who want to bring back the pride at QV, because these young men I have mentioned above would love to see the program come back to the success we had and take it to the next level," the former coach said.

"Anything is possible. I just want to bring some recognition to the young men that have earned it and send a message to others that the QV football program developed some fine young men."

QV gains revenge over Bishop McCort

By Bill Hartlep
Sports editor

Quaker Valley hockey breezed through the regular season last year, losing just two games en route to a PHL Penguins Cup playoff bid.

ON THE ICE

It just so happened that one of the teams that beat the Quakers earlier in the year would also end their season in the semifinal round - Bishop McCort.

Last week, QV had its shot at revenge, and the team came through by posting a 4-1 victory on the road.

"It was an early season win," said coach Kevin Quinn. "We don't want to put too much stock into anything this early, especially with a lot of big games to come."

"As far as getting some revenge from last year, if I would chose the two games, I rather would've won the game last year."

Eryk Stunda, Colin South, Tim Hall and Greg Dyer lit the lamp for the Quakers and Zac Zinger added 24 saves in the victory.

Quaker Valley has started out hot, going 3-0 with wins over Westmont Hilltop (5-0) and Ferndale (11-1).

It returns a large part of the semifinalist team from a year ago, which is encouraging for Quinn.

"We're hungrier this year, determined, and we return a lot of players. I think we have high expectations. Each year, we want to advance farther than last year. We want a shot at the title. The last two years, we've lost in the semifinals. We want an opportunity to play in the big game."

Last season's squad, which finished 20-3-1, graduated defensive captain Will Forser, offensive captain Kelly Elson



FURMAN SOUTH, a senior, is chasing the Quaker Valley scoring title. He compiled 177 points entering this season and needs 85 to pass Sam Hairston.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

and Jason Buruss, while sophomore Grant Scott transferred to Shady Side Academy, leaving a few holes to fill.

This year's team is led by senior forward Furman South, who is going after the all-time scoring title at QV.

He has compiled 107 goals and 70 assists heading into the 2005-06 campaign, totaling 177 points. He's chasing Ben Herring at 134 goals and Sam Hairston for career assists (144) and points (261).

Joining him at forward are Stunda, a senior, juniors Breton Mcnamara, Dyer and Jason Moisey, as well as sophomores George Jackson, Mikael Lemieux and Hall. Freshmen Trey Sterner and Colin South also see time.

Defenders include senior Shawn Ritchey and five sophomores Cody

Scott, Ross Watko, Lee Drake, Aaron Kostial and Noah Zamagias

Possibly the biggest strength of the team is between the pipes with junior goaltender Zac Zinger.

"I think he's the top goalie in AA," Quinn said. "He's excellent playing the puck. He acts as a third defenseman. He makes easy saves, but also makes the spectacular saves."

"In order for us to lose, we have to not score, because it certainly isn't going to be because of our goaltender."

Zinger's goals against average last year was 1.49 and he posted 10 shutouts. He has recorded 45 saves through the early season, giving up just one goal.

The Quakers' next contest is Monday, Dec. 5, at home against Mars, 7 p.m. at the Airport Ice Arena.

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AROUND THE HORN

QV grad honored by ESPN the Magazine

Quaker Valley graduate Nate Liberty has been named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District team.

Liberty is a member of the California University of Pennsylvania football team, and he earned second-team recognition by helping the squad to an 8-2 record and a 5-1 mark in the PSAC West.

He is a four-year letter winner and majoring in elementary and special education.

He boasts a 3.4 grade point average and has been named to the Dean's list seven times, as well as the athletic director's honor roll and Scholar-Athlete list every year.

The QV grad has won the Presidential Scholar award and participates in the leader-

ship program, is a member of the recruitment policy committee and fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He finished the 2005 season with 15 total tackles and two interceptions for 31 return yards. In 39 career games, he has contributed 57 tackles (26 solo), two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

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BRINGING THE HEAT

Great Sewickley teams make job very enjoyable

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The high school level is the purest form of sports, without the money, contracts, holdouts and scandals. It's just about the kids and the games.

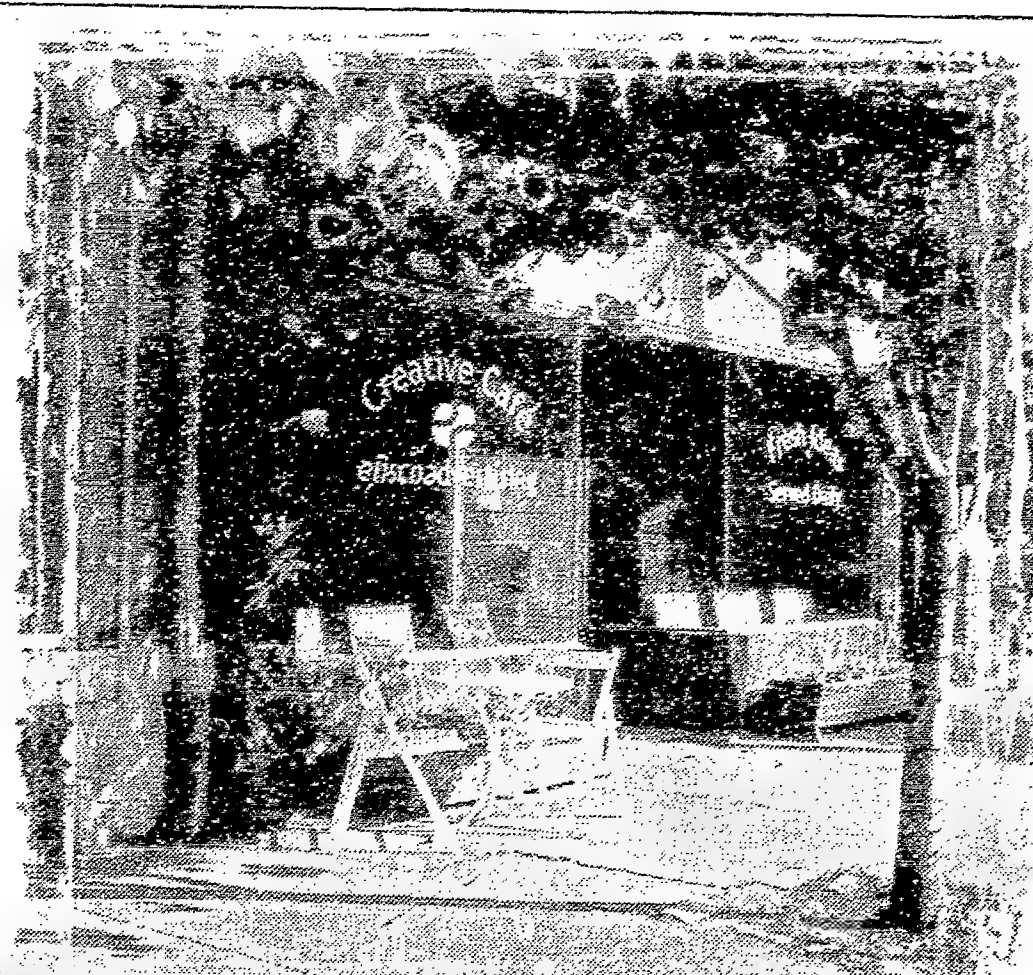
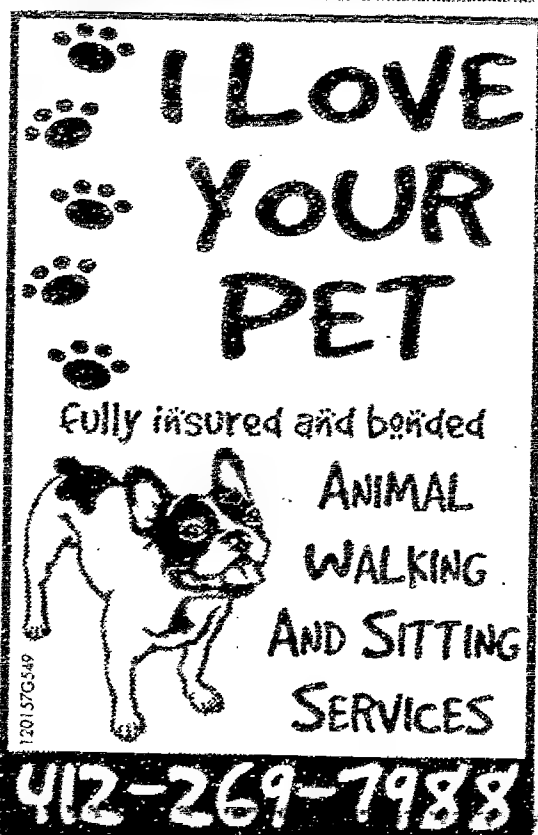
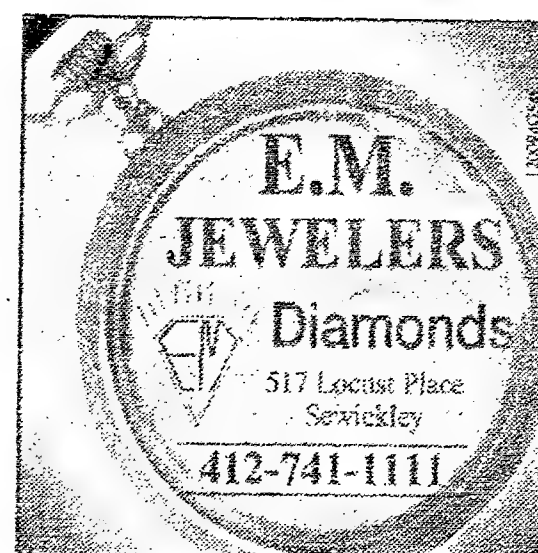
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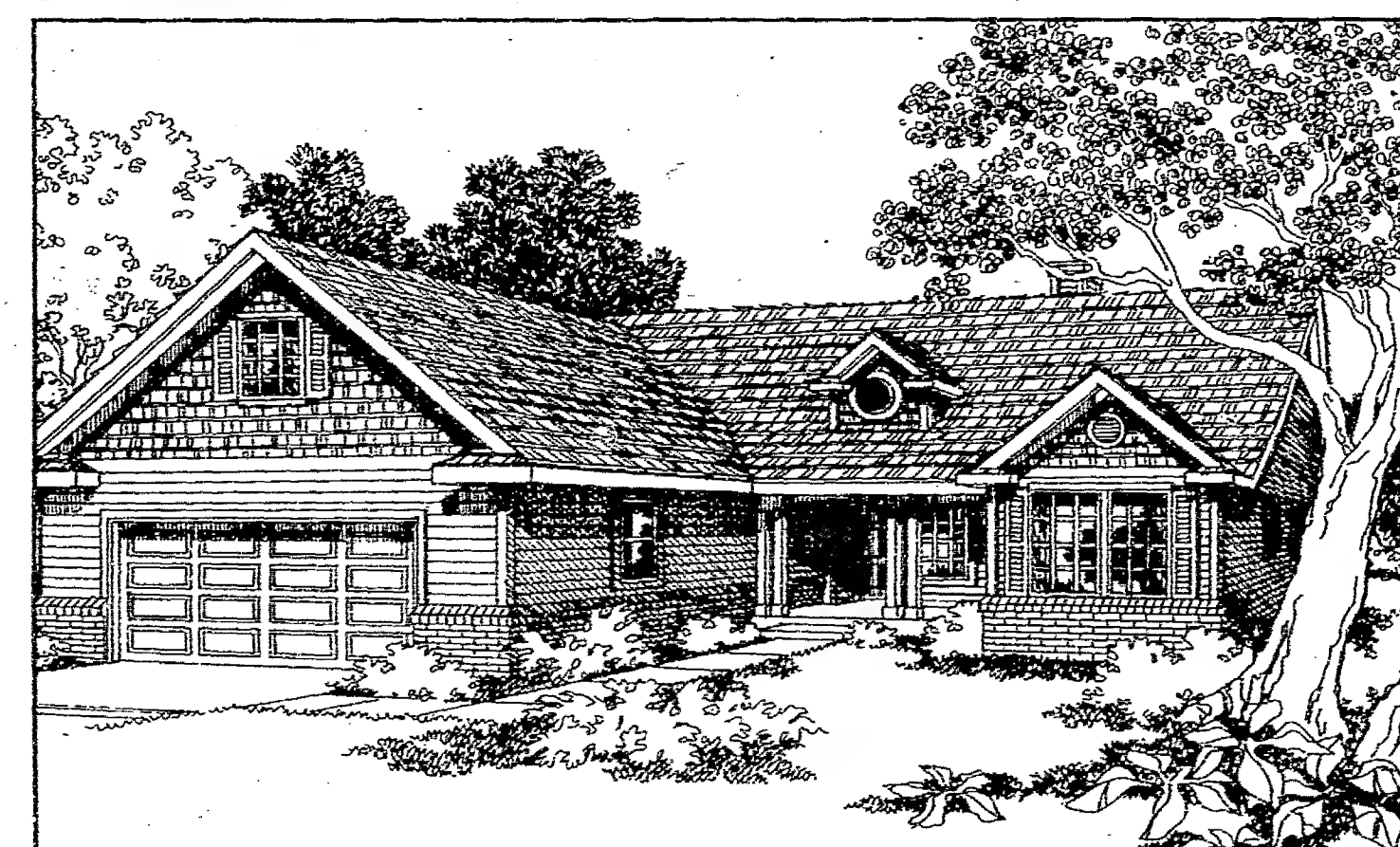
Arched openings on the covered porch and a round window in the central dormer also catch the eye.

The entry and great room are vaulted, creating a striking sense of spaciousness. Light spills down from the round window in the overhead dormer, and more light washes in through the windows and French doors that fill most of the rear wall.

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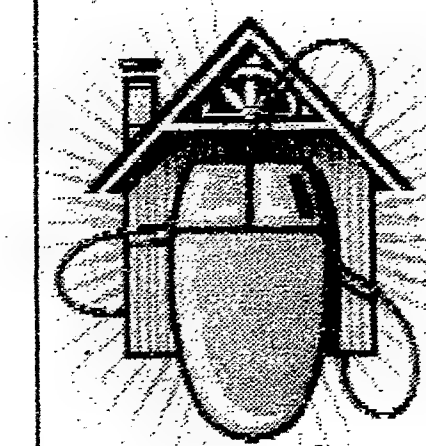
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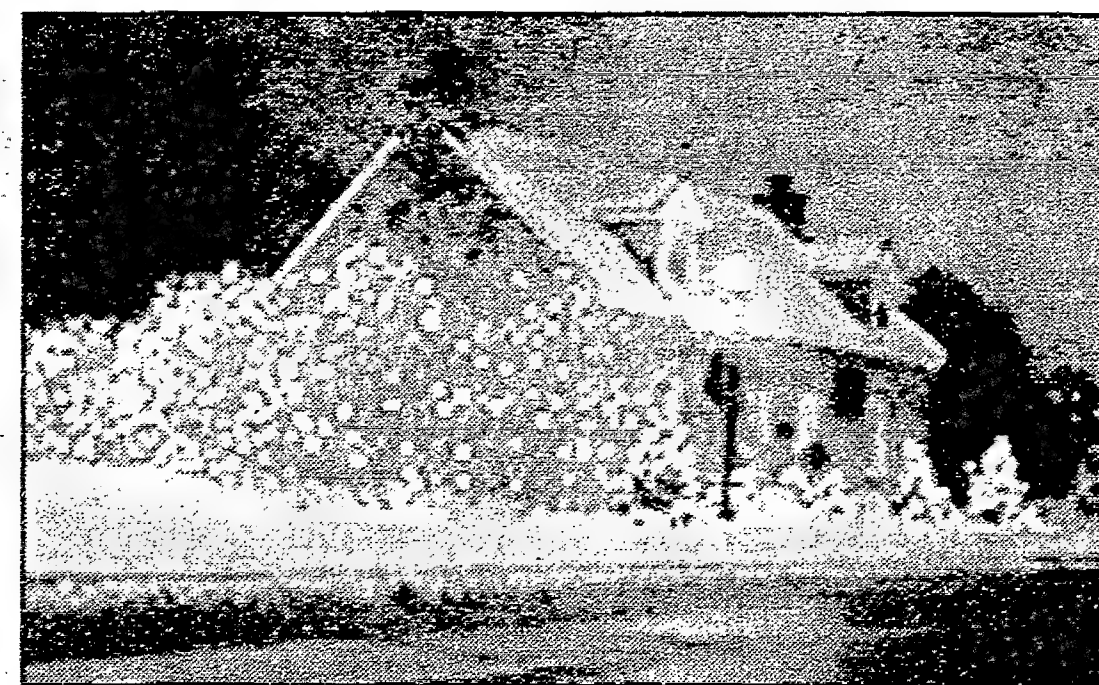
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Community Link is provided by QVCOG in cooperation with Dan Onorato, Allegheny County chief executive, and the county manager's office.

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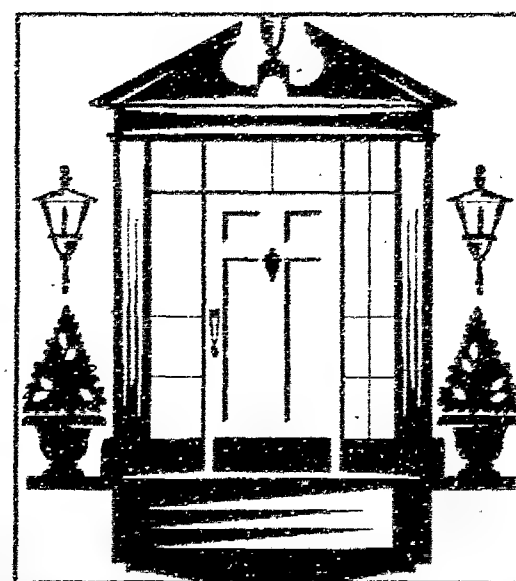
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Old Economy holds to its Old Country traditions

Here are some facts about the way those of German heritage celebrate the season.

What is the Feast of Saint Nikolaus?

The Feast of Saint Nikolaus is traditionally celebrated in Germany every year on Dec. 6. It is a celebration to honor Bishop Nikolaus of Myra, who lived during the 4th century.

Bishop Nikolaus was known for his kindness and generosity and thus became a saint to children. The night before the feast day, children leave their shoes out as they prepare for bed, hoping to receive small gifts from St. Nikolaus while they sleep as a reward for good behavior.

St. Nikolaus was known by various names in different regions of Germany including Klaasbuur, Rauklas, Bullerklas and Sunnercla.

In eastern Germany, he was called Ash Man or Shaggy Goat. Nowadays, he is increasingly known as Weihnachtsmann or Father Christmas.

Is Saint Nick also Santa Claus?

The Feast of St. Nikolaus religious celebration later became a more secular affair.

As the tradition spread outside of Germany, the figure of a kindly bearded man became the Santa Claus figure of popular culture.

Germans, by and large, distinguish between the arrival of St. Nikolaus on Dec.



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Everyday household items such as cleaning supplies and even carpet emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which have been blamed for symptoms such as eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches, skin irritation, shortness of breath and fatigue.

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Notice is given that the regular meetings of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sewickley Heights for the year 2006 will be held at 4:30 p.m. prevailing time at the Sewickley Heights Borough hall, Country Club Road, on the following dates:

January 16, 2006	July 17, 2006
February 20, 2006	August 21, 2006
March 20, 2006	September 18, 2006
April 17, 2006	October 16, 2006
May 15, 2006	November 20, 2006
June 19, 2006	December 18, 2006

In addition to the scheduled meetings for the year 2006, the Borough Council will hold its reorganization meeting on January 2, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Sewickley Heights Borough Hall, Country Club Road. At this meeting certain officers of the Borough will be elected and/or appointed, including the position of Borough Solicitor.

Anyone proposing to be considered for the position of Borough Solicitor for the 2006-2007 term should present his or her proposal for such position to the Borough Manager of the Borough of Sewickley Heights, Borough Hall, Country Club Road, Sewickley, PA 15143, by 4:30 p.m. on December 12, 2005.

To be considered for this position, such person must describe in sufficient detail his or her experience and proficiency to perform the services of an appointed Solicitor of a municipality operating under the Borough Code, and must submit the names of his or her references at any such municipalities for which he or she has directly performed legal services. He or she should set forth with particularity his or her familiarity with municipal ordinances, resolutions, regulations and contracts, the provisions found therein, and the administration and enforcement thereof, specifically those ordinances, resolution and regulations and contracts which relate to zoning, subdivision and land development, on-lot waste water disposal, water supply and water lines, historical architectural review, collection of delinquent real estate taxes, real estate tax liens, police services, fire services, public parks, human resources pension plans, Uniform Construction Code, nature center and history center.

The Borough of Sewickley Heights

William P. Rohe
Borough Manager/Secretary
(307)1258, 11-30, 12-07-05

OSBORNE BOROUGH 2006 MEETING DATE NOTICE

Committee Meetings: Public Works will meet at 7:00 p.m. and Finance at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Public Safety will meet at 7:00 p.m. and Public Safety at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. Changes and cancellations will be posted at the Osborne School main door. Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board meetings will be announced by Public Notice in the Sewickley Herald Star.

	Council	Public Works & Finance	Public Safety & Public Services
January	02		
February	17	3	4
March	21	7	1
April	18	4	5

May	16	2	3
June	20	6	7
July	18	11	5
August	15	1	2
September	19	5	6
October	17	3	4
November	21	7	1
December	19	5	6

(3068198, 11-30, 12-07-05) Maleet Gordon, Borough Secretary

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171 Gilbert Millstone	364 Mary Blatz
364 James D'Alessandro	425

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2060 GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Borough of Haysville Allegheny County Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget for the year 2006 for the Borough of Haysville is available for public inspection by appointment

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HILLS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AMENDED OR REPEALED.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordered and enacted by the Council of Borough of Sewickley Hills:

SECTION 1. That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property and occupations within the said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the fiscal year 2006 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the sum of 1.35 Mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Making a total tax rate for all Borough purposes of 1.35 Mills.

SECTION 2. Any ordinances or part of an ordinance conflicting herewith is hereby repealed insofar as the same conflicts with this Ordinance. (3071812, 11-30-05)

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

The Aleppo Township Board of Commissioners herein advertises its intent to adopt the following Ordinance at a regularly scheduled legislative meeting of the board of Commissioners to be held on Monday, December 19, 2005 beginning at 7PM at the Aleppo Township Municipal Building, 100 North Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AN AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX PER SUBJECT TAX-PAYER FOR EACH TAX YEAR, AT THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000) DOLLARS.

A public hearing will be held during the regular legislative meeting of the Aleppo Township Board of Commissioners on the date and time herein above stated.

The Ordinance in full text is available for inspection at the Township Office, 100 North Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143 during regular business hours (3071919, 11-30-05)

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE KENNEDY TOWNSHIP ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

The Kennedy Township Board of Commissioners herein advertises the intent to adopt the following ordinances at the business meeting to be held Monday, December 12, 2005 (EST), commencing immediately following the caucus session at 7:00 P.M. same date, at the Kennedy Township Municipal Center, 340 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, PA, 15108.

Ordinance No. 426 — In Ref: Rescinding Ordinance Nos. 387 and 408 which determine the charges for sewer tap-in connections and implementing new rates and regulations for any and all sewer tap-in connections within the Township.

Ordinance No. 427 — In Ref: Amending Section 5 of Ordinance No. 321; Implementing new rates for a permit to excavate or open any street or right-of-way within the Township.

Ordinance No. 428 — In Ref: Amending Ordinance Nos. 92 and 421; Adjusting the Emergency Municipal Services Tax to the amount of Fifty-Two dollars (\$52.00) per year and exempting persons earning less than Twelve Thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year.

The Ordinances in full text are available for inspection at the business office, Monday through Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. until date of adoption; address above given.

Kennedy Township
Board of Commissioners
Gary R. Vituccio, Manager

(3071906, 11-30-05)

QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MAY 31, 2005

Current Assets:	
Cash	\$142,553.40
Accounts receivable less allowance for doubtful accounts	160,191.74
Short term investments	362,923.07
Prepaid expense and other assets	14,740.85
Total Current Assets	680,409.06
Property and Equipment:	
Ambulance and equipment	273,084.31
Communication equipment	33,570.90
Accumulated depreciation	(308,655.21)
	(167,676.32)
	135,978.89
TOTAL ASSETS	\$819,387.95
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	76,895.08
Deferred municipal assessments	5,569.17
	82,464.25
Net Assets - Unrestricted	736,923.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$819,387.95

QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2005

Operating Revenues:	
Ambulance, wheelchair van & coach service charges (net of contractual allowances)	\$683,271.74
Municipal assessment	51,236.33
Other revenue	7,978.03
Total Operating Revenue	742,486.10
Operating Expenses:	
Expenses reimbursed to Valley Ambulance Authority	720,685.56
Rent paid to Valley Ambulance Authority	9,000.00
Depreciation	49,789.53
Uncollectible revenues	36,128.71
Audit and accounting	4,068.75
Legal	3,000.00
Dues and membership	675.00
Board expense	1,514.26
Miscellaneous expense	357.37
Collection expense	840.51
Total Operating Expense	825,659.89
Operating (Loss)	(83,173.59)
Nonoperating Revenues/Expenses	17,938.27
Net Income	(65,235.32)
Fund Balance - Retained Earnings	
Beginning of year	802,159.02
End of year	\$736,923.70

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

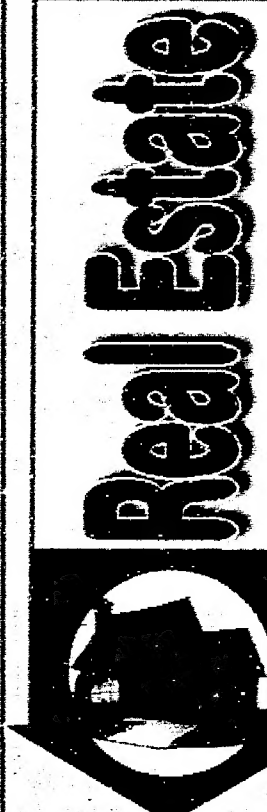
An audit was made of the accounts and records of the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority by our independent Certified Public Accountant, Davis, Baker & Co., as of May 31, 2005. Their report dated September 30, 2005 is available for inspection at the office of the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority any time during normal business hours. (3070100, 11-30-05)

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— Stay safe while driving this winter —

(ARA) — Slick roadways. Ice-encrusted windshields. Limited visibility from snowfall. These typical scenarios are why many cringe at the thought of winter driving.

"Even experienced drivers can find their nerves and skills tested when the snow starts to fall and ice forms on the roads," says Dawn Duffy of AAA Motor Club. "Winter driving conditions can be treacherous."

Jamie Anderson of Minnetonka, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis, knows that firsthand. Last year, while heading north on Interstate 35 during a snowstorm, he hit a patch of ice and slid off the road.

"It was snowing at the time and visibility wasn't great, so I was driving well below the speed limit with my windshield wipers going," Anderson said. "I had seen other cars spin out a few miles back, but never thought it would hap-

pen to me."

Even if you are driving very carefully — like Anderson was — accidents can happen. Here are some safety tips for winter driving from AAA:

- Clear all snow and ice from windows, roof, hood, trunk, mirrors, lights and signals before leaving your driveway.

- Once in transit, observe all speed limits and reduce speed whenever road conditions or visibility are compromised by foul weather. Keep in mind, speed limits posted are for ideal driving conditions. When driving in inclement weather, slow down.

- Avoid sudden starts, stops and hard turns, especially when roads are slippery or wet.

- Improve visibility by turning on headlights in the late afternoon before the sun begins to set.

- Anticipate potential danger on the road, such as icy bridges,

snow-covered lane markings or stalled cars, by decreasing speed, increasing the distance between the vehicle in front of you or changing lanes to avoid trouble.

- If you haven't done it already, refill your windshield wiper reservoir and replace your windshield wipers.

"There are few situations more annoying to drivers than having to deal with visibility problems associated with worn or ineffective wiper blades," said Jay Burkhart, vice president of marketing at Federal-Mogul Corporation.

He advises drivers to replace their blades well before winter with a set of ANCO Premium Winter Blades, which are designed with a rugged rubber cover over a heavy-duty frame for strength against extreme weather conditions.

Anderson was lucky. Even though his car initially got stuck in

a snow bank, his vehicle has four-wheel drive so he was able to get out; but Duffy advises all winter drivers to have emergency supplies on hand just in case they get stuck.

These supplies should include a cell phone, flashlight with extra batteries, blankets, sleeping bags, matches, extra set of mittens, canned fruits and nuts, bottle opener, water, sack of sand, shovel and first aid kit.

"For longer trips, especially, make sure people know where you're going, when you plan to get there, and what route you'll be taking, just in case something does go wrong," Duffy says. "That's not just in the wintertime, but any time of the year."

For more information about ANCO wiper blades, go to www.federal-mogul.com/anco or inquire at your local retail auto parts store or repair shop.

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Dodge Shadow
Vin # 1B3XP64K4MN525646
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At Biber's Garage
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